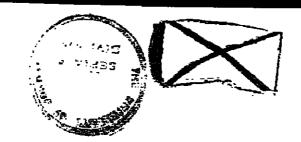
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two Chinese killed in Algeria

GIERS (AFP) — Two Chinese nationals were killed Monday by an armed Islamic group at Al Harrach in the eastern suburbs of Algers, government officials said here. The dead men were reducions working on a dam near Tipaza west of the capital, the officials said. They were identified as Qian Younoyang, 35, and an interpreter, Liu Kaifa, 63. The men were in an vehicle when they were fired upon by a group of armed men. Two of the gunmen were killed by police, who chased their vehicle for several infometres, officials said. It was the first time Chinese nationals have been killed in Algeria in an Islamic militant attack. Two other phonetres, unclass said. It was the first time Chinese nationals have been killed in Algeria in an Islamic militant attack. Two other Chinese nationals disappeared in March and there has been no news of their whereabouts. Islamic fundamentalists announced the founding attacks. Susday they had kidnapped the founding editor of an Algerian strology magazine, which their religion considers akin to witchest. In the first action of this kind, the Islamic Salvation Army (AIS) said in a statement to AFP that it had abducted the director of Horoscope-Mysteres, Brahim Taouchichet, adding that an signmic tribunal" would try him for unspecified crimes.





Red Crescent ready for pipeline deal

ANKARA (R) - Turkey's Red Crescent society said Monday in was ready to help distribute humanitarian aid to Iraq, a move that could ease the deadlock over a U.N. plan to flush Iraqi oil from the trans-Turkey pipeline. "We are ready to organise and handle distribution when and if agreement is reached," a senior Red Crescent official told Reuters. "As far as I know the Iraqis are in favour of the scheme but it is not the Red Crescent's decision." he said. Senior Turkish and Iraqi diplomats held talks in Ankara last week to further the plan of flushing the oil to repair and maintain the rusting pipeline from Kirkuk to Turkey's Mediterranean terminals. The sticking point is Iraq's rejection of U.N. demands that the world body monitor fair distribution of food and medicine to dissident Kurds and other ethnic groups. Iraq says U.N. supervision would violate its sovereignty. "The Red Crescent can handle the operation in the north and other parts of Iraq if necessary. Since last year we have been delivering humanitaria supplies to 1.5 million people in the north," the relief official said.

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a waning attach 'collaborators' - Rabin

TEL AVIV (AFP) - The d tie to Britain semed wing of Yasser Arafat's mainstream group Fatch cally planned to has killed 11 Palestinians suses like maint pected of collaborating with Israel in the past few months, Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin said Monday. The executions were carried out by the Fatch Hawks in the selfrule area of Jericho in the West Bank, Mr. Rabin told the parliamentary foreign and defence committee here. "We take these assassinations very seriously," he said, quoted by military radio. Mr. Rabin has decided for this mason to postpone negotia-tions with the PLO on further releases of Palestinian prisoners, the radio said.

Egypt-Palestine panel to meet

CAIRO (AFP) — The Egyptian-Palestinian joint committee will meet here ntary would be next week, the local Middle East News agency (MENA) reported Monday. MENA quoted Adel Al Sufti, the economic affairs assistant to the foreign minister, as saying that the committee tion of the economic and trade agreement signed here between the two sides last January. Egyptian Foreign Vinister Amr Musa will head the Egyptian delegation in the talks, while his Palestinian counterpart Farouk Kaddoumi will lead the Palestinian team, Mr. Sufti said. Mr. Sufti said officials tion various ministries have been meeting in the Foreign Ministry here to discuss Egyptian development projects in the autonomous Gaza

Six strangled in Frankfurt brothel

FRANKFURT (R) - Five women and one man were found strangled to death in a high-class brothel in downlown Frankfurt on Monday police said. The women had all been working at the bothel on Sunday night and e man had apparently run e private sex club, located a shuttered villa near the Frankfurt banking district. As far as we can make out people were all strangpolice spokesman Peter Other told reporters at the scene of the crime. It was not jet clear how they were strangled or how many peo-Ple had been involved in the under. Mr. Oehm described the brothel as "a sort of private club to which usually

Iranian Airbus case ^{ad}lourned sine die

only insiders have access."

THE HAGUE (AFP) — The international Court of Justice tere adjourned Monday sine de hearings into the July 1988 downing of an Iranian diffiner by a U.S. warship with the loss of 290 lives. The tase, sheduled to begin Sept. 12, was shelved at the request of both Iran, which had brought the incident before the U.N.'s highest judicial body in May 1989, and the United States, the court said in a statement. A spokesman for the U.S. embassy here said the public hearings had been adjourned to an as yet inspecified date.

HM says Jerusalem shrines too vital an issue that could have been delayed rificed more than any other country in the Middle East conflicts and had every right to exercise its options to live and prosper, away from tension and based on a just, durable and comprehensive solution to the Arab-Israeli King Hussein, in an

address to officers from the Fifth Royal Armoured Division, also said that Jordan does not compete with anyone over Jerusalem and that the Kingdom's links with the Islamic shrines in the Holy City were "eternal and deep in our heart, mind and con-

Religious sovereignty over the shrines is a right of the entire Islamic Ummah in line with the Omari covenant and Jerusalem should be above ali political considerations,

the King said. Noting that many Jordanian lives have been sacrificed for Jerusalem, the King pointed out that his great grandfather Al Hussein Ben Ali, who gave his life in

AMMAN (J.T.) — His support of the Palestinians Majesty King Hussein said and the Palestinian cause to Monday that Jordan had sacnational soil, was buried near

Al Aqsa Mosque. The King expressed hope that a just and honourable solution would be reached for the Palestinian problem in general and the issue of Jerusalem in accordance with United Nations Security Council Resolution 242.

for a negotiated settlement to the Middle East conflict, the King noted that the Kingdom extended its umbrella to the Palestinians so that they could attend the peace pro-cess launched in Madrid in 1991. "It was difficult and even impossible for the Palestinians to exercise their right to represent themselves had it not been for the Jordanian umbrella," the King

"surprised us and opted to go their own way and to address their problems and issues in isolation from us," said the

Reaffirming Jordan's quest

However, the Palestinians

His Majesty King Hussein on Monday addresses the Fifth Royal Armoured Division (Armed Forces photo) tions that produced the autonomy agreeement in September 1993.

We started from the same point where the Lebanese,

by their sole and legitimate representative, the Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO), acted on their own and signed the Palestinian-

King: Jordan has every right to live and prosper

Jordan's participation in

the Jordanian-Israeli agenda, the peace process has enbut at the same time did not abled it to regain its territocomprise its firm and solid position, calling for a just, comprehensive and durable

rial and water rights, he said. The King called for maintaining national unity, saying

that the Jordanian family reflects the "genuine picture of the immigrants and the sup-

Combined agency dispatches

Sudanese government

spokesman Abu Baker Al

Shingjeti told the Associated

Press in London that Carlos

was arrested "in the past few

days" along with several

other people. He refused to

say how many others were

arrested, where they were

from, or whether they were

Interior Minister Charles

Pasqua said Carlos was extra-

dited from Sudan more than

six months after French in-

telligence traced him to

there. "At the start of the

year my services were in-

formed with great precision

of the possible presence of

the terrorist in Sudan, which

he had entered using false

papers."
"We hoped on several

occasions that Carlos would

be handed over to us. Several

times our hopes were dis-

Asked why his extradition

had taken so long to bring

about, Mr. Pasqua said that

negotiations with Khartoum

had been "complicated." He

declined to elaborate further.

Carlos is considered the

master strategist behind a

appointed.

Monday.

Sudan said.

still in Sudan.

Carlos arrested

to French prison

in Sudan, sent

porters" (those who immigrated with the Prophet Mohammad from Mecca to Medina and those who supported him in Medina).

The King referred to Jor-(Continued on page 7)



Progress reported on civil aviation, linkage of power grids

From Nermeen Murad at The Moriah Plaza Dead Sea Hotel

AS JORDAN and Israel entered into the second round of bilaterals at this Dead Sea resort, subcommittees on both "rights" and "cooperation" registered varied degrees of progress in their

talks. The slowest progress was in negotiations over water and boundaries, while the economic committee and the civil aviation committee appear to be set to reach agreement by the end of this round of bilaterals Thursday.

Although the top Israeli and Jordanian water negotiators had agreed to the "context" of their talks in Wadi Araba in June, the wrangling between the two sides over scarce water resources has not become any

While both sides had declared in Wadi Araba that they have agreed to the "mutual recognition of rightful shares in the Jordan River and Yarmouk River," the Israeli side appears now to have sidelined this recogni-

more "pragmatic" concern. Israeli negotiators want their water talks with Jordan to deal primarily with finding and cultivating new sources of water for both states maintaining that even if it was to allocate a fair water share to Jordan that would not be enough to solve the problem

of water in the area.

Jordanians do not disagree with Israelis over the fact that water is scarce and that cooperation is necessary to "increase the quantities and improve the quality of available water sources," as one Israeli water negotiator termed it.

But, Jordan insists that to reach the point where it is ready to cooperate with Israel on cultivating new water sources, it needs to have resolved the problem of the Kingdom's water "rights." And it is not a new Jorda-

nian position. In fact if Jordan was to highlight any kind of progress in its negotiations over water it would be over the recognition of its right to water in the Jordan River.

of the West Bank in 1967, has diverted all the water from the Jordan River and has refused all Jordanian protests that it also has a right to utilise water from that river

Israeli negotiators, asked by the press whether Israel is ready to deliver on Jordan's right to water shares, brush aside the question and press ahead with their argument for concentrating on developing new water resources. Jordanian negotiators dis-

which forms a natural border

between the two states.

miss the Israeli comments and say that actual negotiations are over the "rightful allocation of water" and the exact amounts that Jordan will receive from not only the two rivers but also other water sources such as underground basins.

"The two sides are negotiating rights and not cooperation," a Jordanian negotiator on water told the Jor-

dan Times. The water talks are definitely difficult talks," said

spokesperson of the Jordarian delegation. "But they have not reached a stale-

"It is difficult to reach a stalemate," he said explainhappens when the two sides have exhausted all options. This has not happened."

"We are as interested as Israelis are in cooperating in finding new sources of water," he said but he added that Jordan insists on resolving the water problem first.

On another level, the chief Israeli security committee negotiator, Uzi Dayan told Jordanian reporters that Jordan had agreed to an Israeli proposal that would committ the two countries to three security principles:

— That each state pledges not to threaten its neighbour-

That neither state becomes member of any military coalition that would threaten the security of the other

- That neither side allow its territory to be used as a launching pad for attacks on

Jordanian sources confirm that the first principle was established in the common agenda signed between Jordan and Israel in 1993. They, however, did not confirm two other principles although they said the Israelis did bring in these proposals to Monday's security negotia-

"It is all in the proposals stage," a Jordanian negotiating source told the Jordan

In the civil aviation talks which aim to determine the routes for Jordanian planes using Israeli air space, Jordanian sources said that the Kingdom had given the Israeli side five options to study during last week's

negotiations.
"We did receive an answer on these options today but we still find their proposals un-satisfactory," Dr. Muasher told reporters.

While Dr. Muasher would not delve into the details of the "dissatisfaction" other sources had told the Jordan

End to Syrian JTV seen as positive

By Natasha Bukhari

AMMAN — Jordanian offi-

Official sources said the ion in favour of making peace with Israel. The sources noted that Sy-

rian TV carried in full the speeches of His Majesty King Hussein and Israeli Prime Minister Rabin in Washington on July 25, announcing the end to a 46-year state of belligerency between Jordan and Israel as well as the inauguration of the Acaba-Eilat border crossing on Aug.

(Continued on page 7) jamming of

Special to the Jordan Times

cials on Monday welcomed the end of Syrian jamming of Jordan Television (JTV) transmission as an indication of the Damascus government's willingness to open up to all parties involved in the peace process.

end to the four-year jamming of JTV's transmission reflects Damascus' wish to start preparing the Syrian public opin-

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PARIS - Carlos the Jackal, the most wanted man of the past 20 years, was arrested in Sudan and flown to France. where he stands convicted of killing two counter-intelligence agents, authorities said Carlos, 44 born Ilich Ramirez Sanchez in Venezuela, had been under surveillance in Khartoum, the Sudanese capital, on suspicion of planning attacks on foreign targets before France asked Sudan to arrest him.

wave of deadly and often audacious attacks in the 1970s and early 1980s centred on Western Europe and linked with the Middle East con-

After two decades on the run, he was Monday afterpoon under lock and key in Paris's Sante prison, prison officials said.

He was earlier questioned in the headquarters of the French counter-intelligence agency DSI under an international arrest warrant issued in connection with a 1982 attack in Paris which left one person dead and 63 injured, sources

Mr. Pasqua told journalists that Carlos - whom he described as a "professional terrorist" - himself claimed to have killed 83 people worldwide.

Mr. Pasqua added that Carlos, who he charged had been supported by several foreign states, would appear Tuesday before Jean-Louis Bruguiere, the Paris examining magistrate who issued the international arrest warrant.

Relocation of:

Qatar Embassy

Qatar Embassy announces the relocation of its embassy from Zahran Street to Hazza' Al Majali Street/near the previous Prime Ministry Building. (Now Court of Cassation and Supreme

Court of Justice). Following are the new telephone num-

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bers of the embassy.

Fax - 648374

Dr. Marwan Muasher, tion to what it considers a Israel since its occupation **LO launches crackdown on Hamas**

GAZA CITY — The Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) got tough with its rival Hamas on Monday for the first time since the launch of self-rule, arresting dozens of its members in an unprecedented crackdown aimed at ending anti-Israeli attacks. PLO Chairman Yasser

Arafat personally ordered the overnight sweep in the Gaza Strip after the Islamic Resistance Movement. Hamas, claimed two attacks on Sunday which killed an Israeli and wounded seven others. Three soldiers were also wounded in a bomb attack on the West Bank on Monday.

The crackdown drew a stiff warning from Hamas. Ibrahim Ghosheh, a

Jordan-based spokesman for Hamas, said that Mr. Arafat's self-rule authority has arrested 35 group members. He said that the Palestinian police force in the autonomous territories of Gaza

lecting arms from Palestinians, leaving them vulnerable to attacks by Jewish settlers and the Israeli army. "It's a serious crackdown launched by Arafat" against Palestinian mujahedeen, or holy warriors, "and it comes in response to Israeli and

other pressures exercised on

and Jericho had started col-

the PLO to control Hamas," Mr. Ghosheh told the Associated Press.

We hold Arafat responsible for the latest developments," he said. "He'll be

responsible for the negative consequences of his actions. "We've been keen to avoid any Palestinian-Palestinian friction since the outset of the so-called peace negotia-

tions," Mr. Ghosheh said. But, "since Mr. Arafat is cracking down on the Mujahedeen of Hamas and other Palestinian factions.... we're left with no choice... he will have no one but himself to blame for the consequences

of his actions." Israel, meanwhile, threatened to delay implementing any new Palestinian self-rule agreements unless Mr. Arafat cracks down on extremists.

The warning came from Prime Minister Yitzhak Despite the tension, the Israel-Palestinian negotiations on expanding self-rule resumed Monday at the Erez

crossing point between Israel

Mr. Rabin issued the severe warning after visiting the Gaza Strip intersection where militants opposed to the peace process carried out a series of attacks. One Israeli was killed and six wounded near the Jewish settlement

block of Gush Katif when assailants opened fire on Israeli vehicles in two incidents Sunday. "We do not see on the part of the Palestinian authority a

serious effort to deal with those who oppose the agreement," Mr. Rabin told repor-Mr. Rabin said Israel would continue negotiating on expanding self-rule but no

agreements would be im-

plemented until the Palestinian National Authority could prove it would curb such attacks We cannot accept that the Palestinian side does not fulfill its part in maintaining peace and quiet, or at least makes a serious effort to sig-

mificantly reduce it, and we

continue with the process as

if nothing happened," Mr. Rabin said He said there had been 39 shootings, firebombs thrown or other violence since the Palestinian police took over self-rule in May, but that Sunday's victim was the first civilian killed. Four soldiers died in Gaza in previous inci-

dents, he noted. Right-wing leader Ariel Sharon called for cutting off talks with the Palestinians. Top Palestinian negotiator Nabil Shaath said the Palestinian National Authority

issued special orders to deal

with the crisis.

will do its best to take those responsible to justice and to prevent all such acts of vio-lence in the future," Mr. Shaath said before starting the peace talks. To underscore Mr. Rabin's

The Palestinian authority

seriousness, Israel did not open as promised "safe passages" for Palestinians to use to travel across Israel between Gaza and Jericho. The travel routes are called for in last May's Israel-PLO autonomy pact. Mr. Rabin said later that

he felt the detentions were a good sign, but only fulfilling the previous agreement would allow the new one to Palestinian police armed with lists of names set up

roadblocks, burst into homes

early Monday and subjected

Hamas militants to hours of interrogation, the group said. The order came at an emergency meeting of the Palestinian authority called by Mr. Arafat to hammer out a plan to tackle the crisis, the first real test of the PLO's

About "20 to 30" Hamas activists were arrested, one of the group's leaders said, asking to remain anonymous. Earlier he said 40 had been

rule in the new autonomous

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Balladur urges dialogue to end Algerian crisis

Minister Edouard Balladur has urged the Algerian government to open talks with its Muslim fundamentalist foes to end the country's deepen-

ing crisis.

Mr. Balladur also said he would not allow the guerrillas to use France as a rear base and would pursue a weeklong crackdown in which more than 22,000 peope have undergone identity checks and over 30 suspected Muslim fundamentalists have been arrested.

"We have long said that we wish a political dialogue to open between all parties," Mr. Balladur told Radio Monte Carlo.

"We do not want to meddle into Algeria's domestic affairs... but we have the right to tell them, since a large Algerian community lives on our territory, that we look forward to the return of civil peace on Algerian soil,'

Over 4,000 people have been killed since the Algerian government cancelled a general election in 1992 which the Islamic Salvation Front (FIS) was poised to

Fifteen French nationals were among 56 foreigners slain as Islamic guerrillas carried out a threat to kill foreigners who stayed and were thus deemed to be supporting

Mr. Balladur said the French community in Algeria had dwindled from 7,000 to 1,500 in a year but France would maintain its presence there, closing down some schools and regrouping its nationals for better protection.

An opinion poll published in the newspaper Le Parisien at the weekend said 54 per cent of those questioned believed France should pull out and let its former colony sort out its problems rather than risk new attacks.

The crackdown in France responded to the latest attack in which guerrillas killed five French government employees in Algiers 11 days

By Said Ghazali

The Associated Press

GAZA CITY — A jeep

screeched to a halt outside

Anis Saker's house just be-

fore midnight and six plainc-

lothesmen hustled away two

after Palestinian security

forces took control of the

Gaza Strip. Mr. Saker, a 65-

year-old ice cream vendor,

has not seen his sons since.

Ibrahim, 26, are being held

on suspicion of informing for

Israel, but no one will tell

legal system, no court to go

to." he said. "We want a just

trial and we want to see them. We are not allowed."

Mr. Saker said it took the

family's lawyers a month to

find out that his sons were in

the former Israeli-run Gaza

central prison, now the

Palestinian police headquar-

When the Palestinian

police arrived in the Gaza

Strip under the self-rule

agreement with Israel, they

were given a more enthusias-

There is no authority, no

him the actual charges.

He believes Naser, 27, and

That was May 28, days

of his adult sons.

PARIS (R) — French Prime ago and in turn prompted the guerrillas to threaten retaliation in France unless those

arrested were freed. "We will not accept any terrorist threat in France, Mr. Balladur said. He pledged to fight any attempt to call for violence or try to build up armed groups in France.

Twenty-five suspected FIS militants have been interned without charges since the Algiers attack. Seven other Algerians have been remanded in custody on suspicion of helping FIS smuggle arms or forge identity documents.

Mr. Balladur said the crackdown ordered by hard-

line Interior Minister Charles Pasqua was efficient.

It had provoked controversy among politicians, human rights groups and some sections of the police but seemed to be winning

public approval. A founding FIS member, Sheikh Abdul Baki Sahraoui, told reporters there would be no attacks in France.

"Algerian affairs are a matter for Algeria, not France." he said at the weekend when he visited the Algerians interned under heavy guard at an. army camp in Folembray, northeast of Paris.

Some media have criticised the crackdown as being more symbolic than useful and most human rights groups said it could sour relations with France's four-million Muslim community.

Parties decline talks

Two Algerian opposition parties snubbed Sunday an offer from President Liamine Zeroual to hold negotiations on the country's return to

democracy.
The Assembly for Culture and Democracy declined Mr. Zeroual's invitation issued last week to hold a "national dialogue' with all eight legal opposition parties.

tic welcome than Yasser Ara-

fat received in July. For

Gazans, the police heralded

the departure of Isrsel's

occupying army.

Now, with the autonomy

administration in disarray,

the police force's behaviour

has become a gauge of Mr.

Arafat's commitment to

Some Palestinians fear a

police state in the making.

Most complaints come from

Gazans, but some people in

Jericho, the West Bank town

under self-rule, also have said

they were not allowed to see

torture and not allowing

families to visit prisoners, the

lack of freedom of speech,

the armed people in the streets and the large number

of informants," said Ibrahim

Shehadeh, a human rights

other Arab countries ... we

do not want to repeat the

experience of the rest of the

Police acknowledge tran-

sitional problems, but insist

they are qualified despite

their relative lack of training

in civilian policing after year

"It is the same style in

"What disturbs us most are

democracy.

iailed relatives.

activist.

Arab World."

Another invited opposition party, the Ettahaddi Movement, also announced it would not particiapte in the Aug. 21 talks.

3 embassies to move |Sudan protests 'ill-treatment' to Jerusalem area

OCCUPIED JERUSALEM (AP) — The embassies of Bolivia, Paraguay and the Dominican Republic will move to the Jerusalem area as a tradeoff for keeping Israeli embassies in their countries, the foreign ministry said Monday.

The international community does not recognise Israel's claim to Jerusalem as its capital, and all but two countries represented in Israel maintain embassies in Tel Aviv.

Israel said last month that it would close embassies in La Paz, Asuncion, Santo Domingo and Tegucigalpa, the capital of Honduras, for budgetary reasons, and transfer responsibilities to nonresident ambassadors in neighbouring countries.

Foreign ministry spokeswoman Behira Burdugo said officials in Bolivia, Paraguay and the Dominican Republic contacted Israel, offering to move to the Jerusalem area to keep their Israeli embas-

"We won't close embassies in countries that move their embassies to the Jerusalem area," Ms. Burdugo told the Associated Press.

The ambassadors for Paraguay and Bolivia did not return calls from the AP. Nahum Amit, the honorary consul for the Dominican Republic, said he had not been notified of any change.

Bolivia and Paraguay are moving to Mevasseret Yerushalayim, a bedroom suburb 12 kilometres west of Jerusalem, in territory that is Israel's, Ms. Burdugo said. The Dominican Republic will move to Jerusalem itself, where only Costa Rica and El Salvador maintain embassies

Ms. Burdugo said she did not know whether Honduras, which maintained an embassy in Jerusalem until 1980, would agree to move back. Israel's pool of diplomats is hard pressed to supply demands for representations abroad as an increasing number of countries actively seek to open relations.

of its envoys in Cairo

KHARTOUM (AP) — The Foreign Ministry protested to Egypt Monday that Sudanese diplomats in Cairo were being harassed by Egyptian government security men, Sudan's state-owned news agency, SUNA, reported.

In Cairo, Sudanese Charge d'Affaires Bashir Al Hassan said he also officially protested to Egypt. Mr. Hassan said a senior diplomat was dragged from his car and beaten with fists and a metal bar. He said security men in two cars followed another diplomat. waving a bullhorn and teargas canisters at him.

Mr. Hassan made the statement to the Associated Press by telephone after the complaints to Egyptian authorities were made public Monday in Khartoum. SUNA said the Foreign Ministry in Khartoum summoned Egyptian diplomats to complain about the incidents.

In Cairo, Egyptian Fore-

ign Ministry officials refused to comment on the allegations. A spokesman for the Interior Ministry, who can not be named under government rules, denied security officers were involved.

The reported incidents come amid deteriorating relations between the two countries. They have a dispute over the Halaib enclave which lies along their border. Egypt has charged Sudan with supporting radicals in Egypt and accused it of seizing Egyptian

property in Khartoum.
On Sunday, President
Hosni Mubarak said that Sudanese in Egypt were treated well when he was asked about relations with Khartoum during a meeting with Egyptian universi-

The four or five million Sudanese living in Eygpt "are treated in the best way and the Sudanese embassy is not subject to any harassment," Mr. Mubarak said.

Palestinians shut their stores.

and businesses recently in

protest at a decision by Mr.

leader, whom he had

appointed from the police

reinstated, apparently in re-

sponse to popular demand, but the civilian mayor quit his

post in anger at his treat-

The PLO chief also drew

sharp criticism in July when

he banned distribution of Al

Nahar, a publication based in

East Jerusalem, effectively closing down the daily. Threats from the Palesti-

nian authority also led to the

closure of a smaller weekly

Hanan Ashrawi, a former

Palestinian negotiator at the

autonomy talks, who now

monitors the Palestinian au-

thority's human rights re-

cord, denounced the decision

as a "violation of freedom of

expression."

Ministers in the authority

only criticised the move pri

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Arafat to sack the mun

force three months ago.

NEWS IN BRIEF

UAE: Iran should prove claim to Islands

DUBAI (R) — Iran should produce documents to back up its claim of sovereignty over three Gulf islands disputed with the United Arab Emirates, a UAE minister on Sunday was quoted as saying. "if Iran has documents supporting its claim with regard to the islands, then they should submit them in international arbitration," the Emirates News Agency quoted UAE Minister of Interior Mohammad Said Al Badi as saying. The agency said the UAE bases its claim to Abu Musa and the Greater and Lesser Tunbs on historical documents and wants to end misunderstanding with Iran "based on the book of God and the way of the Prophet as well as historical rights." It said Mr. Badi was responding to a report by Iran's Minister of Interior Ali Mohammad Besharati in the Iranian newspaper Keyhan on Aug. 11 in which he called for the UAE to negotiate with Iran on the issue. It said the UAE wanted to solve the dispute with Iran over their sovereignty through unconditional dialogue on all three islands. Iran has said the talks should include only Abu Musa. The late shah of Iran occupied the islands in 1971, and later agreed to share Abu Musa with UAE Emirate of Sharjah. Iran tightened control over Abn Musa in mid-1992, prompting the UAE to revive its claim to all three islands, which lie in the Gulf near tanker shipping routes.

Dubal officials to visit Israel

TEL AVIV (AP) — The director of the emirate of Dubai's information buréau will visit Israel soon, Israel's transport ministry said Sunday, the first official from any Gulf state to do so. Sheikh Hasher Al Maktoum, a member of Dubai's ruling family, will come to Israel as a guest of Tranport Minister Yisrael Kessar, transport ministry spokesman Eli Danon said. He said it would happen soon, but the date has yet to be set. There was no confirmation from Dubai. Mr. Danon said Sheikh Hasher initiated the idea in a letter to an Arab-Israeli legislator. The sheikh, who owns a travel agency in Dubai, is interested in representing El Al Israel airlines in the Gulf. Danon said, and hopes to establish a representation for Gulf airlines in Israel. Israeli officials have visited Oman and Qatar, and have had contacts with Bahraini officials. Israel's agreements with the Palestine Liberation Organisation and with Jordan this year have led to increased contacts with other Arab countries.

42 killed in rebel attacks in Turkey

ANKARA (AFP) — Forty-two people — 30 Kurdish guerrillas, eight civilians and four Turkish soldiers — were killed in rebel attacks during the weekend in east and southeast Turkey, the Anatolia news service reported. The civilians were killed Sunday by rebels of the Kurdish Labour Party (PKK) who attacked a village in the Halkali region. The rebel attack took place just days before the 10th anniversary of the separatist rebellion. Fighting between the Turkish army and the rebels took place n the regions of Diyarbakir, Hakkari, Siirt, Bitlis and Sirnak, Anatolia said. The Turkish army has recently intensified its operations and reinforced its troops, notably in the border regions with Iraq, according to official sources. Close to 15,000 civilians, rebels and security forces have been killed in the 10 years of the rebellion, which was formally launched Aug. 15, 1984 by the PKK. The toll comes from figures compiled by AFP from official statistics. The PKK does not allow independent witnesses into southeast Turkey and does not provide statistics.

Cabinet reshuffled in Turkey

ANKARA (AFp) — Turkish President Suleyman Demirel approved Sunday a mini-reshuffle of three ministerial portfolios held by the True Path Party of Prime Minister Tansu Ciller, the Anatolia agency said. Dogan Baran was Esat Kiratlioglu and Ayvaz Gokdemir became ministers of state in place of Mehmet Ali Yilmaz and Nurhan Tekinel. All three outgoing ministers had resigned. Turkey is governed by a coalition of left- and right-wing parties.

Security forces kill suspect near Assiut

ASSIUT (AFP) - Egyptian security forces shot dead a suspected militant Sunday in a village in the troubled province of Assiut, security officials said. Ali Al Sayed Sobeih, 24, was killed when security forces went to arrest four members of the armed wing of the outlawed Jamaa Islamiyya (Islamic Group) in Al Shamiya, just south of Assiut in Upper Egypt. Officials said shots were fired at the security forces, who returned fire, killing the militant. The other three managed to fiee. The incident raised to 159 the number of militants killed since they launched a violent campaign in 1992 aimed at toppling the secular government of President Hosni Mubarak, according to an AFP toll based on official figures. Over the same period 142 policemen have been killed. Al Gamaa and another armed fundamentalist group, Jihad, have scaled down their operations considerably during a major crackdown by security forces in the past few months.

Electricity ration across Lebanon

BEIRUT (R) - Electricity rationing will be enforced across Lebanon from the end of September because of rehabilitation work on the war-damaged grid, the head of the state-run utility said on Sunday. Muhid Itani, general manager of Electricite du Liban, said feeding hours would go down to as little as six in every 24. Current feed hours reach 12 every 24 hours. "The period between the end of September and mid-February the country will witness the harshest stage of rationing," Mr. Itani said, according to the official National News Agency. Mr. Itani said that once rehabilitation on the electricity networks — which suffered from decay during the 1975-90 civil war — are finished feeding hours would increase gradually up to 15 hours per day in the spring and to 18 hours in July 1995.

Arafat faces mounting criticism despite aid

GAZA CITY (AFP) -Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) Yasser Arafat is beginning to pull in foreign aid for the fragile Palestinian economy a month after becoming head of the self-rule authority, but critics accuse him of adopting an autocratic

leadership style. Palestinians have blamed widespread unemployment and other woes on the failure of international donors to meet their pledges.

And they say the Israeli military administration let Gaza's public services deteriorate

But ultimately they look to Mr. Arafat to provide the "We need to see jobs," said Sufiyan Sabbagh, mana-

ger of a taxi service. "The longer it takes, the angrier people will become." Funds have started to appear in the past two weeks,

but slowly.
The World Bank has promised to tackle the Palestinian National Authority's (PNA) budget deficit, estimated at \$150 million for this year.

The European Commission and Japan will implement separate programmes, totalling about \$10 million, to clean up Gaza's garbage-

strewn roads and parks.

The Netherlands, France and Italy have agreed to build

a new port in Gaza.

Israel and the PLO agreed to ask donor countries for an immediate payment of \$30 million to cover part of Palestinian administration

The aid and prospect of new jobs for the thousands of unemployed should help to bolster Mr. Arafat's image among his own people.

Israeli Prime Minister Yit-

zhak Rabin agreed to speed up arrangements to extend Palestinian self-rule at talks with Mr. Arafat last week. But Mr. Arafat still faces strong opposition from hard-

Muslim fundamentalists and other opposition groups have vowed to press for "national unity" and work to undermine agreements with Israel by democratic means. "No to appointments and

the imposition of rules," cried some 500 Muslim fundamentalists and other opponents of Mr. Arafat outside the municipal offices in Gaza City in early August.
"We oppose favouritism

and political appointments, said a slogan danbed on a freshly whitewasted wall. signed by the opposition Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine (PFLP).

Mr. Arafat provoked hostility by scrapping a municipal council that included opposition members and appointing a new one of his

A Palestinian close to the leadership described the new authority as "still very cen-

"I hope Arafat starts to realise the difference between leading the PLO and leading a state. He has to start delegating authority to others," said the official, who asked not to be named.

"I see some signs that he " he added. Meanwhile, in the West Bank enclave of Jericho,

Doubts grow about Palestinian police, symbol of hope arrest somebody or who de-

be incensed that Al Nahar

Jabali, the Gaza City police commander. On his desk were leaftets

issued by opponents of Mr. Arafat. "Deal with them,"

on the leaflets asking us to look into them," Brg. Jabali

There is no order of command," said Mr. Bourani. cides to release him. There are no references. The number of security

agencies in the Gaza Strip, which have a total staff of about 8,000 in a population of 800,000, adds to the confu-The presidential guard, re-

sponsible for protecting Mr. Arafat, and the civil police, who handle regular police work, are the most visible. But there also are the national security forces, a nascent military, general intelligence, which handles subversion, the undercover preventive security, and the civil defence guard, serving as a fire department.

All city councils, labour offices and civic departments have police liaison officers.

Some Palestinians still under Israeli occupation, are hesitant about joining Mr. Arafat's autonomy if self-rule is extended in the Israel-Palestinian negotiations.

"We are watching what is going on Gaza," said Riyad Malki, a physics professor at Bir Zeit University. "We do not want to see the same rule and the same police in our

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of military life. "As there are no military operations, we deal with social problems," said Colonel Said Abu Fanouneh, a senior operations officer. "I have a military degree in leadership that qualifies me to hold government positions.

The list of worrisome incidents is growing:

— Farid Al Jarbua, suspected of being an informant,

died in police custody in July. Relatives said the corpse was slashed along the waist and forehead and covered with bruises. Three officers were arrested but later released. No charges have been

— Raji Sourani, a lawyer who directs the Gaza Centre for Law and Rights, said he had affidavits from 18 men and women alleging torture in Palestinian jails.

- Police blocked distribution of Al Nahar, a daily newspaper deemed critical of Mr. Arafat, then closed it. Palestinians hoping for democracy were alarmed when Mr. Arafat appointed an all-loyalist Gaza City council.

- The market in stolen Israeli cars is thriving, and

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AMMAN:

shiny new vehicles despite salaries equivalent to only \$300 a month. Landlords say they avoid renting apartments to policemen because they fear the rent will not be

On the good side, police have won high marks for keeping Gaza's fractious clans under control. They have not interfered with marches by Islamic opponents of the self-rule accord, and they arrive quickly when called to the scenes of crimes. Attorney General Khaled

Al Ourda, an Arafat appointee, denied cases of torture had been reported and that families were not allowed to visit imprisoned relatives. He would not say how many people had been arrested.

"We are in a transitional period, so it is natural that there are violations of law here and there" among the police, "but we have no knowledge of them," Mr. Qurda said.

The police say Al Nahar was closed becuase it was subsidised by Jordan. The paper put news of the Israel-Jordan accord signed July 25 in Washington on its front

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did not give equal attention to his contention that Palestinians, who see East Jerusalem as the capital of a future state, should have pro-"Any newspaper must not

Mr. Arafat was known to

attack the head of the pyramid," said Brigadier Ghazi

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said, using Mr. Arafat's nickname. He would not elabo-One problem in the auton-

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the civil rights lawyer. "We do not know who decides to

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According to Mr. Shaker, temperatures in Amman Monday recorded 39°C, and on Sanday 37°C and 33°C on He said he expected the heatwave to continue. through the week, saying that sterwards temperatures will gradually drop to the season-

Mediterranean region.

al average.

Mr. Shaker said August is considered the hottest month of the year when maximum everage of temperatures reach 33.4°C.

General of the Meteorology

Mr. Shaker said the low air

inds to blow on the eastern

pressure caused hot and dry

Department Rafiq Shaker

He said the maximum temperature ever recorded in August in Amman was 42.8°C on Aug. 25, 1932. Mr. Shaker said a review of temperatures in August dur-

AMMAN (Petra) -Temperatures in Jordan sourced to the high 30s Monday as a result of a seasonal low pressure centring over India and extending to the M diterrancan region, according to acting Secretary

He said that in August

Mr. Shaker added that in

tween 37°C and 40.4°C.

Tour groups for '94 exempt from Petra fee hike

AMMAN (J.T.) — Tourism Minister Mohammad Adwan Tour Agencies Society was informed of the new decision. Monday decided to waive the He called on all agencies Petra entrance fee increases which have earlier reservafor tourist group reservations through tour agencies prior to the amouncement of the fee increment approved Saturday by the Council of Ministers, said Secretary General of the Ministry of Tourism and Antiquities

Ghassan Mufleh. Mr. Mufleh said tourist groups and tour agencies committed to earlier contracts will be exempt from the increase, and would be required to pay the previous fee of JD 5 to enter the ancient city, instead of ID 20 which foreigners will have to pay as of Sept. 1, 1994. He said this

exemption will last only until the end of December 1994. Mr. Mufleh said the decision was taken to protect the interests of travel and tour agencies and to preserve their credibility abroad. He said the chairman of

the Jordanian Travel and

By Rima Corthawi

Special to the Jordan Times

AMMAN - The second in-

ternational laser conference

Monday ended with discus-

sions and recommendations

as well as "general feelings of content and satisfaction with

the benefits reaped from the

numerous papers presented

on recent research, especially

that some were of extreme

technical value," said Riyad

Ahmad Bitar, physics profes-

sor at the University of Jor-

The conference witnessed

exchange of information be-

tween more than 50 scientists

and technologists from

Algeria, Iraq, Italy, Pales-

tine, Saudi Arabia, Syria, the

U.S. and Jordan.
"They are all well-qualified

and cooperative experts in

their fields, and I was particu-

larly pleased to see more than

25 masters degree graduates.

who were my students,

attend the presentations," said

As well as spreading in-

formation about recent re-

Dr. Bitar.

Scientists reap

tions for tourist groups to call at the ministry's Public Relations Department to confirm the reservations and to benefit from the exemption. The ministry's secretary general reiterated that foreigners residing in Jordan and members of the diplomatic corps in the Kingdom are also

5 per person. Mr. Mufleh said the purpose of increasing the entry fee to Petra was to protect the unique archaeological city and to preserve the local

exempt from paying the new

entry fees to Petrra, and that

they will only have to pay JD

In addition, he said, this will give the ministry the chance to make available all facilities needed by tourists. The Cabinet's decision to raise the entry fees into the city Saturday was taken upon

recommendations by Mr.

search on lasers, which are

extensively used in many

fields in the Arab World,

objective of maintaining fu-

ture interaction between sci-

entists and technologists in-

side and outside Arabia. For

that purpose, we recom-

mended the establishment of

a committee that will be re-

sponsible for the frequent

issuing and distribution of

mailing lists of scientists worl-

Nassour, a professor of phy-

sics at Teshreen University in

Syria, the conference also

directed researchers' interest

to some useful and economi-

cally viable projects involving

cedures, rather than the

actual construction of laser

equipment.
"Building low power lasers

is not difficult. In fact, we

built one in Syria for research

purposes but it cost us three

The ability to make full use

of laser applications was the

times its purchasing value,"

said Dr. Nassour.

lasers in material-testing pro-

According to Daif Allah

dwide," said Dr. Bitar.

"this conference served the

days will be charged JD 25 According to the decision, for a two-day pass, and JD 30 foreigners wishing to visit for a three-day pass. The Cabinet's decision also Petra over a period of two

objective of the conference,

in laser construction lies in

the lack of raw materials and

sufficient funding" Dr. Nas-

included one on

semiconductor-doped glasses

by Vittorio Degiorgio, pro-

fessor of physics at the Uni-

glass factory in Jordan, I will

dedicate part of my activities

towards establishing the tech-

nology for glass coloration in

the country. This is related to

lasers because colour mate-

rials have to be tested by

laser for their structure

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"Dr. Degiorgio, in his

well-appreciated efforts to

encourage coordination, will

consider hosting one of our

masters graduates at his re-

search laboratory in Italy,

where he studied glass col-

feasible project discussed was

Another economically

oration," said Dr. Bitar.

"Since there is an existing

versity of Pavia, Italy.

Valuable papers presented

sour added.

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'extreme technical that on the technical research that is currently being conducted to manufacture thin

film solar cells on an indust-

rial scale.

vestigate materials detecting stresses and strains on mate-

Examination of solar cells' marella. optical properties of materials necessitates the use of laser facilities, according to Dr. Bitar.

A Petra area resident takes time out beside one of the Nabatean city's colossal monuments (File photo)

He said, "relatively low labour costs, increased environmental awareness which favours the use of nonconventional renewable energy sources and the obvious advantage of enjoying sunshine for long periods during the year in Jordan make this project economically favourable, so much so that it is possible to compete with advanced countries on this mar-

The paper on a portable laser-holographic interferometer, presented by Cesar Sciammarella, professor of experimental mechanics at the Illinois Institute of Technology, in the U.S., captured the interest of Jordanian re-

searchers. "The device is used to inrial surfaces, which is tremendously useful in the design or purchase of many said. Dr. Sciamcipants.

"Also, the instrument can be used to check the fine welding of materials," added Dr. Bitar.

"Such research will be very useful to conduct, especially in cooperation with Dr. Sciammarella, who is one of the world's leading experts in experimental mechanics," said Sameh Issa, professor of experimental mechanics at the University of Jordan.

limits the number of visitors

to Petra to a maximum of

The increase in the entr-

1,500 per day.

The main problems in conducting research, however, involve the necessity to secure financial support.

*Lack of time (due to work loads) and shortage of finance prevent researchers from implementing such proiects. Decision-makers do not provide sufficient financial support to research because they allocate large sums of money in response to more pressing demands in other areas," said Dr. Bitar. As well as further papers on laser technology. Mon-day's events dealt with recommendations by the parti-

ance fee is expected to raise

treasury revenue by JD 7

million to be used to improve

tourism facilities.

Dr. Bitar and Dr. Issa were urged to follow up on the recommendations and prepare for the third international laser conference to be held in Iraq in two years.

Also, participants recom-mended forming an international committee consisting of six prominent scientists and technologists to help and direct preparations for the third conference.

Finally, participants were encouraged to support research institutions, especially those concerned with technical development, as this will significantly accelerate economic development.

Economic competition will replace previous strife for the acquisition of destructive weapons. I believe the weapon era to be in the process of expiration," said Dr.

Temperatures soar to 39°C

ing the past 70 years showed that on several occasions temperatures exceeded 37°C for a one- or two-day period. Of the historic heatwaves that affected the Kingdom during August, according to Mr. Shaker, the 1932 scorcher brought six straight days of temperatures between 37-

1956, the Kingdom was affected by two heatwaves each lasting six days, the first starting on Aug. 5 with temperatures remaining over 40°C and the second starting on Aug. 25 with temperatures ranging between 36.7-

1965, the Kingdom suffered an eight- day heatwave with temperatures ranging between 37-42°C.

In 1985, he said two severe heatwaves affected the Kingdom, each lasting five days. He said the first started on Aug. 12 and temperatures registered between 39.4°C and 40.8°C, the second started on Aug. 21 and temperatures simmered be-

transport ministry Kingdom continues marking holiday

of the Kingdom's ongoing celebrations of the 42nd anniversary of His Majesty King Hussein's accession to The Throne, Zarqa Governor Musich Tarawneh Monday opened a new bus and service car terminal which cost Zarqa Municipal-

ity JD 360,000. The terminal will be used for buses and cars commuting between Zarqa and its southem districts.

In addition, Mr. Tarawneh, who also heads the Zarga Municipal Committee, opened the Plaza Tower Monument in the Army Cirde area, established by a private company at a total cost of JD 60,000, and inaugurated other parks in the

The governor also inaugurated another monument built by the Zarga Chamber of Commerce at the Jordan Petroleum Refinery crossroads. The JD 60,000 monument depicts the industrial of Zarqa in the Jordanian

economy. Mr. Tarawneh also opened the Prince Mohammad Gardens established on a 90dunum plot. The gardens inchide a soccer field, stands for spectators, a children's playground and a centre for teaching children traffic rules. The JD 50,000 gardens also include the premises of

the Zarqa municipality's sixth He also re-opened the Zarqa Municipal Park after it

at the festival site at 19:00.

* Exhibition on the city of Salt.

★ Exhibition of handicrafts.

Cultural Centre at 20:00.

Amman at 18:30.

7:00 p.m.)

the American Center at 17:00.

WHAT'S GOING ON

FUHEIS FIFTH FESTIVAL

☆ Concert by vocalist Lutfi Bushnaq of Tunisia at the main theatre, off the Greek Orthodox Convent at 21:00.

* Poetry recital by Lebanese poets Shawqi Bzai', Abdul

★ Exhibition of Jordanian scripts, documents, and books.

Abstract art paintings exhibition by Salwa Ammaren, Datya Zetzifa, Norma Hattar, and Ilias Tu'meh.

☆ Caricature drawings exhibition by Imad Hajjaj, Kifah Mahmoud, and Khaldoun Gharaibeh.

★ Comprehensive agricultural exhibition (held for the first)

FOLKLORIC DANCE

❖ Folkloric dance by Al Hannounah band at the Royal

NEWS HOUR

★ ABC News Highlights and McNeil-Lehrer News Hour at

LECTURE

★ Lecture in Arabic entitled "The Worries of the Arab

EXHIBITIONS

* Exhibition of new paintings by Diana Shamounki at The Gallery, Jordan Inter. Continental Hotel (8:00 a.m. -

* Exhibition of paintings by Omar Hamdan Shahuan at

Darat Al Funen of the Abdul Hameed Shoman Founda-

tion in Jabai Luweibdeh. Also showing "permanent"

exhibition of 56 Arab contemporary artists (Tel. 643251/

★ Exhibition of caricature drawings by cartoonist Hussein Al Farra at the Phoenix Gallery for Art and Culture (Tel.

Exhibition of oil paintings by Princess Wijdan Ali at the

Balqa' Art Gallery in Fuhels (10:00 a.m.- 8:00 p.m.)

Family in the World of Cultural Changes" by Dr. Mozeh

Gabbash at Abdul Hameed Shoman Foundation in Jabal

time with the participation of the private and public

Karim Shams Al Din, Lami' Al Horr, and Talal Haidar

was renovated.

guration ceremony, Mr. Tarawneh said that Jordamians pride themselves in the leadership of King Hussein and expressed support for the King's endeavours to achieve a just, comprehensive and lasting peace in the Middle

On Sunday, the Mafraq Governorate organised a major celebration of the 42nd anniversary of the King's accession to The Throne.

Mafraq Governor Qaftan Majali delivered an address in which he said citizens in all parts of the governorate are jubilant over the occasion. Another address was delivered by Lower House of Parliament Deputy Abdullah Akhoursheideh who reviewed the achievements of

Jordan under King Hussein. The celebration included performance by the Armed Forces band, the Mafraq Young Women's Centre, the Mafraq Musical Troupe and Mafraq Troupe for Folk

In Naour, South of Amman, Al Ájarmeh tribes' council also organised a similar celebration of the occasion in the presence of several officials

Conncil Secretary General Ahmad Al Khalil Al Ajarmeh delivered an address voicing the tribes' appreciation of King Hussein's achievements and voicing support for his role in the

peace process. In Aqaba, another celebra-tion included addresses lauding the King.

Tawfiq Zayyad eulogised

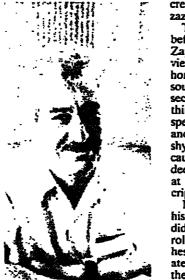
Special to the Jordan Times AMMAN — To mark the recent passing of Palesti-nian poet Tawfiq Zayyad, Abdul Hameed Shoman's Foundation held a symposium Saturday night at which three literary men. Abdul Rahman Yaghi. Mu'nis Razzaz, and Izzedin Manasreh eulogised the

Attended by many of Mr. Zayyad's fans, the event was part of the implementation of the Shoman Foundation's policy "to revive the memory of the late, greatest Arab man of letters in a way that introduces the writers' thoughts. their works, and their other activities." said As'ad Abdul Rahman, general director of the foundation.

Tawfiq Zayyad was de-scribed as "the loving son of Palestine and the solid combatant who never bent to the enemy." The poet spent his life defending his Palestinian people, who were deprived of the simplest human rights.

The celebrated poet was described by Dr. Yaghi as being "the man of political creativity, and poetic art. Tawfiq Zayyad is a creative artist in politics, and a creative political man in art. He considered politics a delicious art, and considered

art a delicious politics." The poet never stopped writing about "the enemy who occupied his land." He



Tawfiq Zayyad

introduced the enemy's behaviour, his tools, and his social structure, into his

works. Mu'nis Razzaz believed that Tawfiq Zayyad was distinguished by his attempt to balance creativity and combat. It was proved that creativity prevented combating, and combating prevented creativity, he said.

"It was a tragedy for the poet to make a compromise between combating and

Talking about himself before his death. Tawfiq Zayyad said in an interview, "Works are the most honest mirror of the human soul ... I have to reveal a secret to you. Whenever I think that I am going to spend the whole of my life and myself in writing. I feel shy and scorn myself, because writing is not my deepest goal. In fact, I look at it as a witness on my crippled action."

No citizen or poet loved his city as Tawfiq Zayyad did. He had a distinguished role in killing fear and hesitation that had defeated man and woman since the dawn of history.

Mr. Manasreh lamented the poet by saying that Tawfiq Zayyad would have explained the concept of Israeli modernisation and the dangers of the Middle-Eastern culture. He would have said to modernised Bedouins, "you will never ever be blonde or European, even if you shed your Bedouin skin.

Tawfiq Zayyad belonged to the self-identity culture that protected the people's memory and helped them to demand the return of their country.

Tawfiq Zayyad's voice was first heard in 1966. He presented his first published collection of poems in 1969, and was available to the readers in 1970.

American think-tank seeks funding for regional economic development

By Ian Atalla

Special to the Jordan Times AMMAN — A prominent American foreign affairs think-tank is attempting to boost the results of the U.S.-sponsored peace talks between Arabs and Israelis by locating funding for economic development projects in the region, according to a member of the

"We will be cosponsors of an October economic summit in Casablanca. It aims to hook up international investors with Middle East governments on proposals for economic projects," Henry Stiegman of the New York-based Council on Foreign Relations told the Jordan Times.

The international summit. described as unprecedented by diplomats, will bring leaders from throughout the Middle East together with private

Mr. Stiegman spoke as he and other members of a delegation from the thinktank were leaving for Cairo Sunday evening, where they would meet with Egyptian President Husni Mubarak and Foreign

Minister Amr Musa. They had just concluded a two-day visit to Jordan

which was highlighted by

meetings with His Majesty King Hussein and His Royal Highness Crown

Prince Hassan. 'We came on a dual mission — to hear from the leadership of the region's countries about their perceptions of what progress has been made in the peace talks, and to see what assistance is needed to move the involved parties further forward," Mr.

Stiegman said. He added that before entering Jordan, the delegation had travelled to Israel and met with Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) Chairman Yasser Arafat as well as Israeli Premier Yitzhak Rabin and Foreign Minister Shimon Peres.

According to Mr. Stiegman, the Council on Foreign Relations includes among its members former U.S. presidents George Bush and Jimmy Carter, as well as ex-foreign ministers Henry Kissinger and Cyrus

Although he stressed that the council is a "private, non-partisan group, Mr. Stiegman emphasised that the group's mission was a vitally important one on the political level.

"We are trying to play a positive role in Middle East development both officially and unofficially," and the

views and opinions which the delegation hears from regional leaders on the current visit "will be taken back to the U.S. for consideration in both official and

private circles," he said. Mr. Stiegman added that potential options for bilateral Jordanian-Israeli development projects in the Jordan Rift Valley had been one major focus of the council's discussions with Jordanian leaders.

In addition to King Hussein and Crown Prince Hassan, Mr. Stiegman said that the council delegation had also met with Prime Minister Abdul Salam Maiali and "an extensive number" of other high-level Jordanian officials.

This visit has been extremely useful, and very insightful," he said. He explained that the council, which publishes a quarterly magazine on foreign affairs, has previously made extensive visits to "every country in the Middle East, in order to develop an extensive network of relationships."

Mr. Stiegman explained that the council sees its guiding mission as one of giving consultation and advice to leaders of foreign countries and "lending a creative hand in suggesting new strategies and poli-

Expert opens eyes to problems of contact lens abuse

By Rima Cortbawi Special to the Jordan Times

AMMAN — Over the years, the contact lens industry has witnessed modifications and diversity in marketed pro-

The 1980s marked the preference to use contact lenses that provide increased oxygen transmission, and the inclination to use disposable lenses for simple care is

observed in the 1990s. "All lenses are disposable; it just depends on when you decide to dispose of them, said Robert Terry, one of the world's leading opthalmolog-

On the occasion of launching disposable contact lenses under the trade-name ACUVUE, in Jordan, John-

son & Johnson, in cooperation with members of the Jordanian Opthalmological Society, invited Dr. Terry to give a lecture on "the problems caused by contact lens abuse" at the Forte Grand Hotel, on Sunday.

Dr. Terry, who works in the research department at Moorefields Eye Hospital in London, explained the complications suffered from extended wear of contact lenses over a long period of time, providing guidelines to longterm survival without adverse effects on the eyes during

lens wear. "Extended wear signifies keeping the lenses on continuously for longer than six days, as opposed to daily wear, in which lenses are taken off before sleep," said

Greater risk of complications originate from extended wear since contamination of the lenses results as the amounts of bacteria deposited on them increase significantly during sleep.

Also, inadequate oxygen

supply does not help in maintaining the cornea, which swells up during lens wear at night, explained Dr. Terry. Thus bacterial attachment to the lenses affects the cornea and results in adhesion of bacteria to epithelial tissues

of the eye, creating problems. According to Dr. Terry, warning signs of complications include burning sensations, increased sensitivity to light, redness and watering of

the eyes. "Borderline contact lens candidates must cure their problems at an early stage to prevent further risk," said Dr. Terry.

Other problems associated with lens wear involve the accumulations of deposits on the lenses. "This, however, can be cured by disposability because these accumulations never go, and so the lens should," said Dr. Terry. said Dr. Terry.

Daily cleansing, especially using mechanical rubbing and rinsing, removes the majority of microorganisms, and lenses solutions avoid bacterial contamination that leads

to eye infection.
"But regular replacement of lenses ensures increased safety and success of contact lens wear," said Dr. Terry. Another point to consider is that contact lens wearers most often do not comply with the regiment dictated by

their opticians, and so become lax about their daily lens care obligations.

"Therefore, ophthalmic opticians must regularly interrogate patients about their routine lens care, reach them well, keep them wellinformed and detect any emerging problems," said Dr. Terry.

In response, "patients should follow their opticians' instructions, undergo regular examinations of their eyes and act as soon as complications are felt," Dr. Terry said.

Early detection of problems is the key to continued lens wear. Examination of the eyes should include eversion of the upper eyelids looking for redness transparency, roughness, increased number of surfacing capillaries or prominence of

In answering questions posed by attendants, Dr. Terry said, "a couple of years ago, some published research papers showed that more complications were faced in disposable extended wear of lenses than in conventional extended wear. But I totally disagree; complications result primarily from extended

"And I personally would not advise a new patient to start with extended wear."

Hence daily wear, though requiring greater care, time and effort, is generally more favourable than extended

"I myself am a part-time contact lens wearer," Dr. Terry concluded.

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Indian premier tells Pakistan to return the rest of Kashmir

NEW DELHI (R) - India, escalating a war of words with neighbouring Pakistan, said Monday that Islamabad must turn over its share of the disputed Kashmir region to New Delhi.

Prime Minister P.V. Narasimha Rao staked claim to the entire strife-torn northern region, part of which is under Pakistani role, in a nationally televised speech marking In-dia's 47th independence anniversary.

"The one unfinished task is that Pakistan vacate its occupation of those areas of Kashmir which are under its control and should form part of India," said Mr. Rao, speaking in Hindi from New

Delhi's medieval Red Fort. "With you, without you, in spite of you Kashmir will remain an integral part of India."

Kashmir has been at the centre of a protracted dispute between mostly Hindu India and Islamic Pakistan which has sparked three wars in 47 years. New Delhi claims Pakistan occupied a portion of the valley by force in 1947.

In the last four years an estimated 17,000 people have been killed in a Muslim uprising against Indian rule.

India accuses Pakistan of secretly arming Muslim militants who are seeking an independent Kashmir or to unite India's only Muslim-majority state with Pakistan. In Srinagar, the summer

capital of India's Jammu and Kashmir state, one person was killed and another was injured Monday when Mus-lim militants fired two rockets at parading security

forces, police said. In a nearby town a man sitting on a window sill of his house was killed by a stray bullet during an exchange of gunfire between militants and security forces, police said.

On Sunday Pakistan's Prime Minister Benazir Bhutto described the Kashmir dispute as an "unfinished agenda" from the sub-continent's partition and said Islamabad would always support Kashmiris fighting

Mr. Rao claimed Ms. Bhutto's speech proved Isla-mabad was aiding Muslim militants and said the only unfinished task was for Pakis-

tan to pull out of Kashmir.
"We are firm in our position that Kashmir will be part of India and we will stick to the Indian prime minister

Regional tensions have raised concerns in part because India has tested an atom bomb and Pakistan is believed to have a nuclear bomb or be close to building

Mr. Rao said he was not threatening Pakistan but seeking bilateral talks to resolve the dispute. Islamabad wants a U.N.-sponsored plebiscite to determine the zion's fate.

"I am not threatening but taking into view stability in South Asia," he said. "We

want peace and sovereignty."

Mr. Rao said India would pursue its fight against armed militants in Kashmir until Pakistan stopped meddling in the region. "We want to tell Pakistan that we will continue to take steps to stop terrorist activities in Kashmir," he said.

The government is moving

towards conducting elections in Kashmir by defining elec-toral areas but did not want to set a date for it, Mr. Rao Indian government offi-

cials have promised elections in Jammu and Kashmir but it was believed to be the first time the prime minister pledged a poll.

Mr. Rao, wooing Muslims head of state elections, said Monday he had doubled the strength of an anti-riot police force and approved a finance corporation for India's

Mr. Rao, delivering an Independence Day speech on nationwide television, said 10 Rapid Action Force (RAF) battlations comprised of majority Hindus and minority Muslims had been formed - twice as many as the government had promised last

The special RAF police force is seen by Muslims as a

protection against Hindu militants. India's ordinary police forces are usually dominated by the Hindu majority. The force was originally formed following 1992 ethnic riots sparked by a dispute over a shrine in the northern town of Ayodhya. Some 2,500 people, mostly Muslims, were killed in the

Analysts say Mr. Rao's ruling Congress Party is keen to win back Muslim supporters, alienated by its perceived indifference towards Hindu militants, ahead of elections in 10 of the nation's 26 states later this year and in early

Lacing his Hindi-language speech with expressions from the Muslim minority's Urdu tongue, Mr. Rao said the government had approved a fund to improve business opportunities for Muslims and other minorities.

The fund, called the National Minorities Finance and Development Corpora-tion (NMFDC), will be given start-up capital of five billion rupees (\$165 million).

India's main religious groups are Hindus, Muslims, Sikhs and Christians living under a constitution that treats all religions as equal. But the 120 million-strong Muslim community is the main minority whose status affects social peace and elec-



rounded by security guards, descends the steps

at the 17th century Red Fort after giving a speech to mark India's Independence Day (AFP photo)

Battered lira stabilises after show of Berlusconi coalition unity was no alternative to his con-

ROME (R) — The battered Italian lira held steady in edgy trading Monday after Prime Minister Silvio Berlusconi's show of coalition unity aimed at calming nervous financial markets.

But in a sign that media tycoon Berlusconi's honeymoon with the electorate may be over, a poll showed 55.1 per cent of Italians were dissatisfied with his government's performance so far.

The embattled Berlusconi who made up with Northern League leader Umberto Boshis most troublesome coalition partner — at the weekend, repeated that there servative administration.

The Italian currency, which fell to record lows Friday due to worries about the domestic political outlook was little changed in trading in London, but dealers and financial analysts said they remained wary about the fu-

"The fact that they appear to have patched up their differences is fine," said Clayton Perry, a Londonbased analyst for Credit Suisse First Boston, a large merchant bank.

"But the problems run deeper than can be sold in a single meeting and the markets are remaining on edge." Italian markets were closed Monday for a one-day public holiday, but the lira changed hands in London at 1,023.50/ 4.50 to the German mark, in line with its close late Friday.

Worries at the constant squabbling within Mr. Berscom's coalition pushed the battered Italian currency to a record low of 1,030 per mark shortly after midday Friday. In a move some commen-

tators dubbed "spaghetti di-plomacy", Mr. Bossi and Mr. Berlusconi ironed out their differences in a meeting in the small hours of Saturday

MANILA (AP) — The

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VENICE (AP) — For rent, cheap, 13 Venetian islands. After years of being abandoned or used at most as illegal garbage dumps, some of the lagoon city's tiny islands will be available for rental starting in September. 'It's absurd and disgraceful that these islands remain unused, at the mercy of vandals," the Rome newspaper La Repubblica quoted Carme lo lanni, an official in Venice's property office, as saying. Other Italian newspapers Sunday carried similar stories about the decision to rent the islands. The rent will be cheap, but there is a catch - Renters must restore abandoned structures of otherwise fix up the islands. 'We can't give them away free, the law won't let us, Mr. Ianni was quoted as saying. "We must ask for. maybe, a lira (less than a U.S. cent), a symbolic price" depending on shape of the island and plans. In all, there are 34 islands in the lagoon, only a few of them inhabited, such as lace-making Burano and glass-making Murano, two popular tourist stops. One island has a cemetery, a

Balladur hails liberators at Provence ceremonies SAINT-RAPHAEL. France

(AFP) — French Premier Edouard Balladur paid tri-bute Monday to allied troops who helped drive Nazi forces from southern France in 1944. on the second day of events marking the liberation opera-Mr. Balladur honoured

specifically British and U.S. troops at a ceremony on a beachhead near the Riviera resort of Saint Raphael, while in another ceremony he honoured the French force which helped liberate their own country. "French people will never

forget these soldiers of courge and liberty," he s commemorating the "numer-ous (servicemen) who fell for freedom," in the operation, he said at the Dramont beachhead near here. Speaking in the presence of

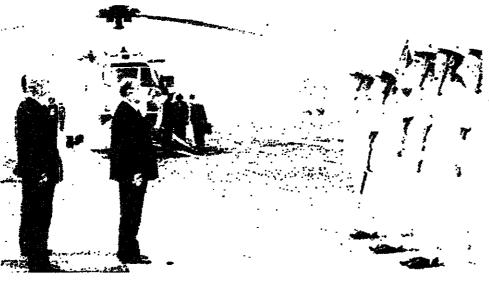
dignitaries including Britain's Prince Andrew and U.S. Navy Secretary John Dalton, Mr. Balladur said the British and U.S. troops "faced the preatest resistance from the Germans.

Troops from the 36th U.S. Infantry Division, the so-cal-led "Camel Force." landed on the Dramont beach on the night of Aug. 15, 1944, supported by allied warship massed off the Provence coast in Operation Dragoon.

Dragoon, in which some 400,000 allied troops took part, was the allied mission to open a second front in France following the Normandy D-Day landings.

A granite monumnet on the beachhead commemo-rates how U.S. forces, along with their allies "began the drive which led across France, Germany and Austria, ending with the complete destruction of the German army and the Nazi

Speaking to contingents



French President Francois Mitterrand (centre) and Prime Minister Edouard Balladur (left) carrier Foch as they arrive for a naval review marking the 50th anniversary of allied landing in Provence, southern France (AFP photo)

from African and U.S. battalions as well as the Weish Guards, saying that "strong alliance are the foundation of the most secure victories."

"The last half a century has repeatedly confirmed: Security, stability, in one word peace, are a common responsibility...The tumultuous events which have happened since the liberation have made international solidarity more necessary than ever. The Dramont ceremony ended with a three-nation fly

In a ceremony shortly afterwards at nearby Cavalaire, just west of Saint Tropez, Mr. Balladur meanwhile turned his attention to France's own troops who took part in Dragoon.

Cavalaire was the sight of the first landing by French forces, including servicemen from France's former African colonies, in the allied operation. Mr. Balladur called the force "an army of heroes."

After his address at the war monument in the town, Mr. Balladur bestowed honours on eight veterans of the landings, including two of Algerian birth and one from the

Congo.
The Cavalaire ceremony Defence Minister François Leotard. Interior Minister Charles Pasqua, who was to have been present, was recalled to Paris due to the arrest of the international terrorist Carlos.

Monday's ceremonies came after celebrations began Sunday with a huge multi-national naval review off the Provence coast, led by President Francois Mitterrand and 14 African heads of

Swimming as a kid in Lake Michigan brought Angelos Chatas to France twice in 1944: as the first American on Utah Beach in D-Day, and blowing up underwater obstacles on the Riviera 10

weeks later. On Sunday, the 73-year-

old Dallas, Texas, resident was in France again, honoured as a hero by the French government celebrating 50 vears since the liberation from German occupation.

Defence Minister Francois Leotard pinned France's second-highest honour, the Order of National Merit, next to the bronze star on Mr. Chatas' blazer Sunday during commmoration ceremonies of the allied landings in southern France.

Belated recognition, perhaps, but somehow that much more symbolic this year as many events overlooked in the heat of World War II's battles get a new look thanks to a wave of anniversaries. "I'm overwhelmed and humbled by it," Mr. Chatas said. "I accept it really as a representative of all my comrades, many of whom are buried here.

Clinton loses out to gun lobby WASHINGTON (AFP) - could prove crucial for Americans' fabled fondness Democratic candidates ahead

National Rifle Association (NRA), came together last week to deal a crushing blow to President Bill Clinton.

Despite several setbacks in past months, the NRA showed that its influence on American politics remained intact when it managed to convince key members of the House of Representatives to reject Mr. Clinton's water-shed crime bill.

Mr. Clinton denounced the outcome of the vote as a victory of "special interests' over ordinary Americans who in public opinion polls have repeatedly identified skyrocketing crime as their

most pressing concern.

He charged that the NRA had resorted to a "procedural trick" to block passage of the bill that included a ban on 19 types of assault weapons and would have put 100,000 more police on the streets.

Negotiations to save the crime-fighting package are expected to be difficult but

TOKYO (APF) — Prime

Minister Tomiichi Murayama on Monday declared Japan's regret over sufferings it in-

flicted upon Asians during

World War II as the country

marked the 49th anniversary

tory signals.

for guns and the nation's of November's legislative showered upon the 210 Rep-

Mr. Clinton shot back following the defeat and said Saturday that the ban on assault weapons was not negotiable.

Let me be clear about this: The crime bill must ban the assault weapons that have no place on our streets," Mr. Clinton said.

One out of every four Democrats in the House voted against the crime package in a move viewed by White House aides as a betrayal to the president.

Senate Majority Leader George Mitchell said Sunday in a televised interview that Congress was "on this issue, controlled by the National Rifle Association."

Influence-peddling by the gun lobby was a "crucial factor" in the outcome of the vote, Sen. Mitchell said. According to analysts from

the Centre for Responsive Politics, the NRA spent close to \$500,000 over the past 19 the outcome of the talks months to woo the 225 Con-

Murayama says Japan regrets war,

but ministers send different signals

gressmen who voted against the bill and only \$65,000 was

the package.
Founded in 1871 in the heyday of the Wild West, the NRA has come under mounting pressure to abandon its opposition to gun control as U.S. crime rates have soared.

The NRA lost a major battle last year when Coness approved measures to tighten control on gunlicensing in a bill that took Seve years to win approval.

The lobby group, which boasts a membership of 3.5 million including former President George Bush, draws much of its legitimacy in its battle against gun con-trol from the U.S. Constitution which recognises the right to keep and bear arms.

"A well-regulated militia, being necessary to the secur-ity of a free state, the right of the people to keep and bear arms, shall not be infringed," reads the Second Amendment, which comes after the key provision on rights and

Mexican government candidate pledges clean election

MEXICO CITY (Agencies)

— Mexico's ruling party
candidate Ernesto Zedillo
pledged a clean election and prosperity at his final campaign rally Sunday packed with hundreds of thousands of party-supplied supporters.

· Buses supplied by the International Revolutionary Party (PRI) that has ruled Mexico since 1929 began ferrying supporters to Mexico City's main square hours before the rally was to begin. "They told us to support Zedillo and here we are," said Javier Fernandez, a worker who declined to say which group he was from. "The leaders are pro-PRI. The grassroots are not. I'm here because of pressure."

A sidewalk vendor concurred: "Yesterday, they gave me a cap and a T-shirt and told me that if I did not go to the main square I wouldn't have a spot for three weeks. Here I am.

 Organisers from the huge pro-government Mexican Wokers Confederation and other, smaller unions handed out T-shirts, caps, signs and



square in Mexico City for a campaign speech urging voters to end 65 years of one-party rule by Institutional Revolutionary Party candidate in next week's presidential election (AFP)

slogans to the different contingents, most of which dressed distinctively to tell each

other apart. Unions alone provided 300,000 people for the rally, organisers said.

Mr. Zedillo — who has in

the past come out against

plastic bags with pro-Zedillo corralling voters for rallies told the crowd he was confident he would win cleanly on Aug. 21 and urged supporters to "vote for the well-being of

"We do bot want a country

mired in the past," he said in

his 35-minute address.

Others PRI candidates pack-

Mr. Zedillo, who is running in his first campaign, was selected by the PRI to replace the more charismatic Luis Donaldo Colosio after his slaving on March 23 following a rally in Tijuana, Mexico.

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nishing the dovish image of the cabinet and triggering an outcry from China and South Korea.

of its surrender, but members of his cabinet sent contradic-"I would like to deeply consider those people's pain and sorrow, and express my condolences with deep reflec-

tion," he said at a ceremony attended by 8,000 people including Emperor Akihito and Empress Michiko, along with war survivors and families of war dead. 'Always humbly, we must build relations based on trust with countries concerned and also make our utmost efforts

to act on various issues after the war," he said, Mr. Murayama, the first socialist to head the nation in 47 years, repeated the word "reflection" during his speech, which was taken to indicate his resolve to settle issues left over from the war, such as compensation for war

The ceremony came one day after the resignation of a minister in the ruling coali-tion over remarks defending Japan's war record, tar-Tamazawa.

Shin Sakurai of the conservative Liberal Democratic Party (LDP) was replaced as Environment Agency director-general Sunday after saying that Japan had not intended to wage "a war of

The war issue however did not quiet down with Mr. Sakurai's resignation.

As the prime minister expressed condolences at Tokyo's Budokan Stadium, one third of his 21-member cabinet paid controversial visits to the nearby Yasukuni Shrine where military war dead, including war crimin-

als, are commemorated. Seven ministers, mainly from the LDP, went to the shrine despite Mr. Murayama's earlier warning that such visits could ruffle the sentiments of people in Japan's neighbouring coun-

Among the seven were such key ministers as International Trade and Industry Minister Ryutaro Hashimoto, Justice Minister Isao Maeda and Defence Agency

Director-General Tokuichiro

While six of 13 ministers from the LDP paid tribute at the shrine, none of the six ministers from Mr. Murayama's Social Democratic Party (SDP) did another sign of policy differences in the coalition between the former rival par-

Mr. Murayama, while expressing his view that such visits would not be desirable, had left the matter to the discretion of each minister.

The heads of the three parties in the coalition — Mr. Murayama himself, Foreign Minister Yohei Kono of the LDP, and Finance Minister Masayoshi Takemura of the smaller New Party Sakigake all stayed away from the

shrine. Sohei Miyashita, an LDP member who replaced Mr. Sakurai Sunday, has told reporters that he "basically support Murayama's view about the war" that Japan's aggression caused sufferings

of people in other countries.
"A war should never be repeated. It is the biggest responsibility of politicians to keep peace in Japan," Mr.

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EDINBURGH (R) — The triumphant return of a local boy turned musical maestro has opened the programme of Edinburgh's 48-year-old international festival. Donald Runnicles conducted Mahler's symphony Of 1.000 in Edinburgh's Usher Hall some 30 years after making his musical debut there as an 11-year-old singer in the same piece. Prolonged applause from a delighted audience at the festival's opening concert brought the musical director of San Francisco Opera back for curtain call after curtain call. "I've never heard anything like it," one regular festival-goer said. The festival could muster only around half the 1,000 performers specified by the Viennese composer and music critics were more muted in their praise, complaining of problems with the sitting of soloists among the orchestra and chorus. But it marked a triumphant return for Edinburgh-born Runnicles, virtually unknown in Scotland after working mostly in Austria and Germany before moving to the United States. He now spends six months with San Francisco Opera and works in Bayreuth, other German cities and Vienna the rest of the year. This year's festival, which ends on Sept. 3, boasts and ambitious programme centred on Beethoven, opera, dance and drama. More than 70 per cent of seats have been sold in adv-

5 indicted in movie award scandal

second runnerup in last year's Miss World pageant and four others were indicted Monday on fraud charges, accused of falsifying winners in June's Manila Film Festival. One of the five, talent agent Lolit Solis, was also indicted in the Manila regional trial court for obstruction of justice in the June 22 incident, in which the wrong winners for Best Actor and Best Actress were announced. Fraud carries a prison sentence of 12 to 20 years. Obstruction of justice is punishable by up to six years imprisonment. Charges against Gaby Concepcion, who was wrongly named Best Actor, were dropped. officials said Actress Nanette Medved was indicted but the charges would be dropped so she could testify against the others. She admitted that she knowingly announced Concepcion as the bogus winner but did so under pressure from Solis. Prosecutor Profirio Macaraeg said fraud indictments were also returned against Ruffa Gutierrez, the 1993 second runnerup in the Miss World pageant; her brother Rocky Gutierrez; and Viveka Babajee, who represented the Indian Ocean nation of Mauritius in last May's Miss Universe pageant here. Miss Gutierrez was wrongly announced as Best Actress in the festival awards ceremony and along with Medved announced the Best Actor.

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South Korean president spells out new unification formula

SEOUL (AFP) — Saying the world's last cold war barrier is crumbling, South Korean President Kim Young Sam Monday unveiled a new formula for gradual reunification with the Communist North - shifting the emphasis from politics to econo-

Mr. Kim, whose planned historic summit with Kim Il-Sing of the North last month was aborted by the Northern leader's death on July 8, said he was presenting the new blueprint because "the Korean people cannot live di-vided for ever."

"North-South relations should be focused on how to promote the well-being of the entire populace, rather than be mired in futile ideological confrontation," he said.

"Only after the people of the South and the North cooperate with each other and bring about mutual prosperity will it be possible to form a single economic community which will naturally pave the way for unifica-

Justifying gradual, phased - rather than rapid - moves towards unity, Mr. Kim pointed to the bloody civil war in Yemen, which he blamed on a superficial political union without a solid preparatory process.

"It will not be possible to unify the South and the North overnight because the two parts of Korea have been locked into mutual hostility and distrust," he warned. The speech, delivered

nation wide on the anniversary of the end of Japanese colonial rule over the Korean peninsula, came after a two-day police cracktrying to stage North Korean-initiated pan-national rallies in the streets of Seoul to urge speedy reunification.

Mr. Kim's government had outlawed the rally.
It also came after Unification Minister Lee Hong-Koo said steps over the weekend in Geneva between Washington on Pyongyang towards a solution to the North Korean nuclear standoff could be an

impetus to new North-South

Talks between the North and the South, and plans for the first ever summit between the two, were abruptly broken off after Kim Il-Sung's death, as were the Washington-Pyongyang nuc-

But while the United States and North Korea resumed their talks last week, and moved quickly towards the statement and an agreement to meet again on Sept. 23, South and North Korea fell back into cold war rhetoric and the summit remains indefinitely postponed.

"The cold war is finally leaving the Korean peninsula... the competition between the South and the North over which can create a better society has already been decided," Mr. Kim said in his

"The North Korean leadership must, as a matter of course, abandon their strategy of communising the South... they must also undertake bold reforms including improvement of the human rights situation."

North Korea Monday accased South Korea of deepening "national division" and rebutted Seoul's shifted the emphasis from politics to economics, southern monitors said.

Pyongyang, through its state media, swiftly denounced the new blueprint unveiled Monday by President Kim Young-Sam as a rehash of previous formulas proposed by Mr. Kim's predecessors, said Seoul's officiai Naewoe Press.

The vitriolic North Korean reaction came during a rally in Pyongyang to mark the liberation of the peninsula from Japanese colonial rule from 1910 to 1945, Naewoe

It was not immediately known how North Korea came to have an advance copy of the Kim speech.
Pyongyang also charged

that by repeating the "heavyhanded policies of past dictatorships" Mr. Kim's administration had shown it had no intention of seeking inter-Korean dialogue. President Kim Young-Sam

said South Korea was ready to help North Korea with sensitive nuclear power generation, saying the project could become the first joint venture of the new "Korean community.

"The Korean people cannot live divided forever. We must pool all our national determination and energies," be said. "If and when the North

guarantees the transparency of its nuclear activities, we are ready to support their development of the peaceful use of nuclear energy, including light-water nuclear reactor construction, by providing them with the necessary capital and technology," Mr.

He said the programme could become "the first joint project for national development," leading to the establishment of a "single community of the Korean

people."
Mr. Kim's statement came amid South Korean manocuvres to have its own interests reflected in the results of U.S.-North talks aimed at solving disputes over the North's suspected nuclear weapons programme.

Riots in Seoul

Meanwhile police helicopters Monday dropped teargas over thousands of radical students trying to stage a North Korean-inspired rally in a university where a night of pitched battles left more than 100 injured.

Outside the Seoul National University campus, thousands of riot police maintained a tight blockade, firing volleys of teargas shells across the walls, witnesses

The massive teargas attack sent more than 10,000 students fleeing into school buildings and nearby hills and left only a few hundred to hold a curtailed ceremony for the "pan-national" rally, they

"Three police helicopters swooped overhead, spraying teargas, and students ran away through clouds of tear-gas," said an AFP photographer at the scene.

The police tightly sealed off the campus but took no further action following a night of vicious hand-to-hand fighting with thousands of students who responded with rocks, steep pipes and clubs.

Bonn is deeply worried ab-

out the growing evidence that

Germany is becoming the

main smuggling route for nuclear material from the for-



Students beat a riot policeman during a North Korean-initiated rally in Seoul (AFP photo)

U.N. hopes accord will stop sniping in Sarajevo

SARAJEVO (R) — An accord to end sniping in Sarajevo took effect Monday and U.N. peacekeeping officials hoped it would help defuse tensions between warring factions in the Bosnian

The anti-sniping agreement signed on Sunday went into effect at 1100 GMT and followed a marked increase in sniper fire that had claimed growing number of civilian lives and forced the virtual closure of the city's tram

The Bosnian Serbs and the Muslim-led Bosnian government army also agreed verbally to end shooting attacks around Sarajevo Airport which have shut down the U.N. humanitarian airlift to the city.

As part of the anti-sniping accord, Serb and Muslim officials pledged to form joint patrols with the U.N. Protection Force (UNPROFOR) to flush out snipers disobeying orders and prosecute them as

Gunfire halted the airlift Thursday only two days after it resumed following an 18day break cansed by a spate of shooting incidents. The city already faces a food shortage that the United Nations says could become critical without regular deliveries.

A spokesman for the U.N. High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) said the relief airlift may resume Tuesday if UNPROFOR military flights were able to land without coming under

We hope this operation will resume tomorrow. There are meetings of the countries involved today. It's likely that with the continued safe operation of the UNPRO-FOR flights, UNHCR humanitarian operations will also resume," he said.

Bosnian Serbs had stepped up sniping in the capital in the past month amid international pressure to accept the latest peace plan, which they have refused to endorse.

A Bosnian Serb military officer said Monday the peace plan required Serbs to give up too much territory and would jeopardise Serb

The people and the army that are winning cannot lose everything they have fought for on the ground at the negotiating table," Lieute-nant-Colonel Milan Gvero, assistant to the Bosnian Serb Army (BSA) commander, told local Serb Television in Bosnia.

The hardline BSA com-

stand in the power struggle between Bosnian Serb leaders and Serbian President Slobodan Milosevic, who has cut off all ties to the rebel Serbs to force them to accept the peace plan.

Mr. Milosevic, who faces a threat of tougher economic sanctions if the plan is rejected, has imposed a blockade on the Bosnian Serbs to persuade them to reverse their position.

The United Nations reported Monday mainly sporadic clashes on Bosnia's battlefronts and said Bosnian Serbs had obstructed U.N. aid convoys in eastern

A UNHCR aid convoy headed to Gorazde had to turn back Sunday after Bosnian Serb forces insisted that two of nine trucks unload at the Serb-held town of Visegrad instead, Mr. Kessler

"This is of course totally against the clearance we had received from the Pale (Bosnian Serb) authorities. Visegrad is already served and are getting what their beneficiary figures say they require. So this kind of demand is unacceptable and dishearten-ing," he said. U.N. officers said a stalled

mander, General Ratko Mla- peace plan and growing could make their forces the

embargo against Muslim-led. forces meant many countries. were considering a withdrawal of their United Nations peacekeepers in Bosnia. French Prime Minister

Edouard Balladur warned Sunday that Paris would pull its peacekeeping troops out of former Yugoslavia if the arms embargo was lifted to allow arms to flow freely to. the mostly Muslim Bosnian

France's Defence Minister Francois Leotard later said he had told the United States other European Union countries would also withdraw their forces.

France, with more than 5,000 soldiers, has the largest peacekeeping contingent in the former Yugoslavia and together EU countries form the bulk of the U.N. force.

U.S. President Bill Clinton has told Congress he intends to ask the United Nations to lift the embargo by the end of October if Bosnia's Serbs have not agreed to an international peace plan.

Nations contributing troops for U.N. duty believe lifting the arms embargo to help Bosnia's less-well-armed Muslim forces fight the Serbs would remove their impartiality in the conflict and dic, has yet to take public pressure to lift the arms target of retributive attacks.

Russia disowns plutonium seized in Germany and television are of course can discuss it."

MOSCOW (R) — Russian officials said Monday there was no evidence that weapons-grade plutonium 239 seized by German police last week had come from a Russian nuclear plant but offered to help Bonn investigate where it had originated. Bavarian police at Munich nt seized detween luu and 300 grams (3.5 to 10.5 ounces) of the highly-en-

riched plutonium on board a German Lufthansa airliner which had arrived from Mos-∞w. Three men were "Very recently we carried out an inventory of all sources linked to plutonium and we registered no thefts or

losses of plutonium 239," Atomic Energy Ministry spokeswoman Georgy Kaurov told reporters. "The ministry can now officially say we have had no thefts of plutonium 239." German officials said it was the third seizure of weapons-

grade nuclear material in four

months from the former

could make its way into the hands of developing countries who want to make nuclear devices.

Sergei Vasilyev, head of press relations at Russia's Federal Counter-Espionage Service, said he agreed with Mr. Kaurov.

is mom prove it," he said by tele-

Germany's top police agency seized an illegal shipment of six grams (0.2 ounces) of plutonium 239 in Maz and insisted it had come from Russia's nuclear industry. But Moscow said then it had no proof to back up the German finding. Chancellor Helmut Kohl

said Sunday he would seek help from Moscow to stop nuclear smuggling.
"The announcement by

Chancellor Kohl is linked with (their) concerns, but has no factual statements to the effect that (the plutonium) is Russian," said Mr. Kaurov. "The statements being

alarming but we are not in the slightest bit worried," he "We have had no contact

from German specialists, government or firms, so we have nothing to react to ... we are ready to analyse the "There is no evidence this samples in Germany to find

> comes from." The weekly magazine Der Spiegel, which broke the news, suggested the source was "underpaid scientists in advanced laboratories" in the former Soviet Union.

But Mr. Kaurov dismissed the claim as speculation, saying the German press had made similar allegations about previous seizures of radioactive material.

"First they talked about 500 grammes, then about 250 grammes, then seven grammes of plutonium. They said it was from Chelyabinsk, Tomsk or Krasnoyarsk, then the papers said it came from Bulgaria," he said.

The German side has to produce some material so we mer Soviet Union. Bernd Schmidbauer, Mr. Kohl's aide in charge of intelligence affairs, plans to travel to Moscow soon to discuss the issue. He recently

said both international crime -gangs and Russian government officials were involved. Last month U.S. Federal Bureau of Investigation head Louis Freeh signed a deal with Moscow to fight international organised crime and warned weapons-grade nuc-

lear materials could find their

way into criminal hands. Mr. Kaurov said it was shameful to suggest Deputy Atomic Energy Minister Viktor Sidorenko, on the same Lufthansa flight as the plutonium, was in any way linked to the affair.

"Our minister is a deeply respected academic ... simply couldn't be involved in such a business.

Nigeria banks stay closed; teachers

begin strike LAGOS (AFP) — Hundreds of cash-strapped Lagos bank customers anxions to withdraw money were dis-appionted Monday when locked out by the banks, though bank workers, had been directed to resume work Monday, an AFP correspondent noted.

The employees' more than month-old strike was suspended last Thursday. Of the 18 banks visited by AFP here Monday, none opened to the crowd of customers who massed in front of the bank gates, looking desperate after having been

starved of cash since the bank workers went on strike. Speaking on a television programme Sunday, the National President of the National Union of Banks, Insurance and Financial Institu-tion Employees (NUBIFIE), Mr. Gimbasson, assured Nigerians that Lagos banks would open Monday following last Thursday's suspen-

sion of the strike action. An official of Union Bank of Nigeria, one of the three biggest banks in the country, told AFP that the banks were not yet open to the public because of "political tension" and because most banks have not enough cash to satisfy customers' needs.

The Lagos state branch of the NUBIFIE is also affiliated with the state's branch of the Nigeria Labour Congress (NLC), which last Friday, following an agreement with government, suspended its one-month-old strike.

The NLC called the strike to press for unconditional release of Moshood Abiola, principal opposition figure, and other political detainees. But despite the suspenion. at Lagos bus stops Friday

morning, scores of commu-

ters, most reporting for work

for the first time since the strike, were stranded. Although there were more vehicles on Lagos roads in the morning compared to

Curtain falls on 1994 Woodstock

 Its energy spent, the Woodstock nation of 1994 lumbered home Monday from the sloppy festival grounds like a column of walking dead. They died smiling.

For all the rain and mud. the filthy toilets and lack of showers, the delays and organisational foulups, there were few regrets. Tired, wet and hungry, people left in a sort of grumbling bliss. "It's been awesome. This is

going to go down in history. said Joe Walsh of Richfield, Conn. "I'll remember it how long will I remember it? Forever, I guess."

But it wasn't all peace and love in this instant city of 350,000.

Some who bought the \$135 tickets never got in, stranded in parking lots miles from the site when shuttle bus service unravelled. As many as 150,000 people got in free as security slackened.

Others fled bad vibes. Gail Tosh, 26, of Baltimore arrived Saturday morning and left just a few hours later without seeing any of the bands. "It's violent, it's scary,"

she said by telephone from her mother's house in Syracuse. "There were no signs telling you where to go and what to do. People are falling down on the ground, and people are closing in on top of them. There was no form of crowd control. And it was a nasty crowd, not a nice crowd.

Finally, Woodstock 94 was about the music. Counting the all-night dance raves and small bands that played till dawn, it was essentially nonstop rock 'N' roll for almost 72 hours. Most of the 40-odd acts put

on memorable shows, from Joe Cocker's reprise of his classic performance at the 1969 Woodstock to Salt 'N' Pepa's slinky stage his-

Peter Gabriel closed the show early Monday with Biko, his tribute to the maryred South African activist. Stephen Biko. "Hi, Woodstock," Gabriel

said. "This is your festival. This is your mud." As the rain ended late Sunday afternoon, the sunset

Concert goers make their way through the mud on their way to the north stage of Woodstock 94. Heavy rains turned the grounds into a field of mud causing some of those attending to change the name of the concert to "Mudstock" (AFP photo)

eleamed behind a rolling layer of grizzled gray clouds as Bob Dylan prepared to take the stage. During Rainy Day Women No. 12 And 35. spectators chanted back at Dylan — "everybody must get stoned" — and the scent of marijuana rose through

With people ankle-deep in mud and awash in a kaleidoscope of tie-dye, this Woodstock resembled the original on Max Yasgur's farm in Bethel, 90 kilometres southwest. But there were obvious differences.

As people filed out overnight to board shuttle buses back to their cars, the techno music of an all-night rave hammered at their backs. Police said it could be late tonight or Tuesday morning before the traffic clears out.

Four deaths were reported. including a man who died of complications from diabetes and another from a ruptured spleen for which he had been treated before coming to Woodstock. Two others died in a car crash on the New York State highway on their way home.

Police made 14 arrests, including a man who assaulted a woman in a tent and then turned on police. More than 3,000 people were treated for mostly minor injuries.

People grumbled about food shortages, the disordered shantytowns of tents, the crush of the crowds, the scheduling mixeups that forced lots of people to arrive late or not at all. Many left feeling the promoters put profit before concert-goers' safety and well-being.

Soviet bloc. Experts fear it made in the German press Hundreds board tanker, trying to leave Cuba

HAVANA (R) — Several forces were approaching the situation with calm to avoid taking "drastic measures."

The hijackers had women to the United States but were stopped by authorities, offi-cials said Monday.

Authorities were not letting the vessel, the Malteseflagged Jussara, leave the port west of Havana and special measures had been taken to ensure it did not move, an Interior Ministry statement

The incident was the latest involving Cubans trying to leave the Communist-ruled

Caribbean island. The ministry said a group of several hundred "anti-social elements" from various parts of Havana province gathered Sunday afternoon in Mariel where the oil tanker

was docked.

"Apparently in connivance with the oil tanker's Greek captain who carries out fuel transfers in Cuba, they got on the vessel with the aim of going to the United States." the statement said.

It said that civilian law enforcement brigades mobilised rapidly but it was too late to prevent the people from

"Special measures were taken to stop the movement of the boat," the statement added. But it noted that a complex situation" had

The ministry added that the north coast of Jamaica the situation was being studied closely and security might, carried 23 people.

and children among them, it

added. In a reference to Cuba's claim that illegal exits from the island are encouraged by U.S. immigration policy on Cubans, the statement noted that the latest incident came barely a day after Secretary of State Warren Christopher said the United States would continue to receive Cubans who had left the island ille-

gally. The incident in Mariel took place just hours after a rally there in the morning to honour a naval officer authorities say was killed in the port a week ago by hijackers of a naval vessel to the United

The hijacking of the naval vessel was the fourth of a state-owned Cuban vessel in two weeks by would-be emig-

Three hijackings of ferry boats from Havava Bay triggered unprecedented street clashes in the Cuban capital on Aug. 25 in which 35 people were injured.

Cubans armed with knives and a gun hijacked a fishing boat and ordered it to sail to the United States, but the vessel instead went to Jamaica, police said Sunday. The boat, which arrived on

Sri Lanka to restore state of emergency after polls

COLOMBO (AFP) - Sri could not be continued Lanka President Dingiri Banda Wijetunga will reintroduce a state of emergency after Tuesday's parliamentary elections, officials said

The emergency lapsed a month ago, following the dis-solution of parliament in June to clear the way for Tuesday's general election. Officials at Wijetunga's office said the emergency

would take effect from mid-

Monday.

night Wednesday. Emergency regulations gives sweeping powers to security forces to arrest and detain suspects. The government move came amid fears of violence after Tuesday's election.

A statement from Mr. Wijetunga's office said he had decided to use emergency powers and declare the two lays after balloting as public holidays, but make employers pay their staff for

those two days. "The emergency is not in force right now. But it will go into effect from midnight Wednesday," a spokesman for the presidential secretariat said.

Mr. Wijetunga will have to

seek approval of the state of

emergency from the parlia-

ment that will be elected

Tuesday. The emergency, first imposed in May 1983 to deal with separatist Tamil guerrillas, required monthly approval from parliament but

beyond mid-July. Sri Lanka's opposition Monday accused the govern-ment of attempting to with-draw elite army bodyguards given to their leader Chandri-

ka Kumaratunga despite threats against her life. Opposition spokesman G. Peiris told reporters here that Defence Secretary Hamilton Wanasinghe informed them that the pull-out decision was taken after allegations that the comman-

dos had been intimidating

ruling-party men. However, a Defence Ministry spokesman said that the decision was revoked and that commandos continued to guard Mr. Kumaratunga, who was forced to scale down the final round of campaigning for Tuesday's parliamentary elections.

The Defence Ministry itself had earlier told her that there is a threat (against her life) and to be careful ... This (withdrawal order) makes us highly suspicious.' Mr. Kumaratrunga has accused the government of

President Wijetunga of trying

to eliminate her before Tues-

day's parliamentary elec-

tions, but Prime Minister Ranil Wickremesinghe has denied the charge.

After one of the bloodiest and dirtiest election campaigns in its history, Sri Lanka votes Tuesday in a parliamentary poll which could end the ruling United

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The population divide

THE WORLD Conference on Population in Cairo is only weeks away and it is already showing signs of strains. The controversy emerging prior to the convening of the conference is reminiscent of the one that prestaged the World Conference on Human Rights in Vienna last summer. There is already ample division among the participants that could wreck the conference and frustrate its objectives.

The central dividing issue is the abortion subject, with all its religious, economic and political implications. Some argue that women should have the choice if they wish to abort their unwanted fetuses. Others insist that the right to life includes the right of unborn children.

Also economists worldwide are alarmed by the surge in world population and what that could mean to the strained economies of the developing world and the international environment. In effect, the world is still divided on this issue along religious and human rights lines with some traditional societies and many human rights advocates saying the right to life cannot be sacrificed for economic

or even social reasons. The controversy acquires an added urgency as both camps have ample ammunition to buttress their arguments and submissions in defence of their respective points of view.

Yet there are simple facts that cannot be ignored: The world is getting to be overpopuor even reverse the pace of population growth. The crux of the problem is how to go about doing this. It would seem that reasonable birth control policies could be introduced without any encroachment on the right to life. Instead of aborting offsprings, parental control can be introduced with a view to encouraging smaller family sizes. Religious views on such issues should be respected. Freedom of religion entails not only the right to worship but also the right to uphold one's religious ideas on abortion and child bearing. However, there is no doubt that compromises could be reached between the opposing views in order to salvage the Cairo meeting. This would mean watering down the language of the final communique to leave sufficient flexibility for all sides to accommodate their different postures.

ARABIC PRESS COMMENTARIES

AL RA'I Arabic daily Monday said the quick respond by His Royal Highness Crown Prince Hassan to His Majesty King Hussein's call to set up a Royal commission to develop and modernise Jordan stresses one of the main aspects of the Kingdom. The paper said in its editorial that this aspect is the harmony existing between the Kingdom's domestic and foreign policies in facing modern time developments. Prince Hassan, said the paper, stressed in his reply letter to King Hussein two main issues: First is developing legislations and the second is administrative development of the state of law and administrations in a manner that would achieve more justice and guarantee respect for the sovereignty of law. It said this was natural to come at this time, since the issue of development and modernisation has become a necessity not only at the regional level, but also at the international level which is changing swiftly. The paper said the announcement of forming the Royal Commission on Modernisation and Development signalled the start of rearranging the Jordanian house and preparing it for the coming stage.

A COLUMNIST in Al Ra'i daily Monday said a strike call announced by Arab municipalities and institutions in Israeli areas to demand equality with Jewish municipalities was a clear indicator for the Palestinian negotiators and for Jordan and the other Arab countries that "the peace process" had not positively affected Israeli tendencies and its treatment of its Arab "nationals." Tareq Masarweh said in his column that this gives an indication of the Israeli future treatment of Palestinians in the West Bank and Gaza Strip who are going to live under a self-rule supervised by Israel. He said Arab municipal and rural councils are bankrupt to an extent that makes them unable to pay salaries for their employees, and makes them backward to a limit that large Arab cities are lacking schools and sewerage networks. At the same time, he said, the Israeli state spends millions of dollars to establish infrastructure for settlements which are more like tourist spas, although their population might not exceed 40 people. Arabs living in Israel can be taken as a measure of the Zionist movement's seriousness in the peace process, he said. He added that if the Arab Nation is required to adopt moderate stands in the peace process and if the Palestinians were to give up their leigitimate national rights for the sake of peace. Israel is also required to be moderate in dealing with its Arab nationals as it should be in dealing with Palestinians in the self-rule areas and in its stands on Palestinian refugees and displaced persons.

The View from Fourth Circle

1st skirmish between the religious and the materialists

THE INTERNATIONAL Conference on Population and Development that will take place in Cairo in early September has triggered an intriguing alliance of people who believe that religion is not only about personal spirituality, but also about how societies should be organised. The main opposition to the conference draft declaration has been forcefully expressed by the Vatican and by several leading Islamic bodies, including Cairo's Al Azhar University and the Iranian leadership.

The specific objections they raise to the draft document are that it could be seen as promoting abortion, extramantal sex, homosexuality, and prostitution, while Islamists see it as part of a Western strategy to keep down the world's Muslim population. Whether or not these are correct readings of the draft document is secondary to the more important fact that global and national ideological debate is being framed increasingly in terms of religion vs. materialism.

Last week, the Vatican representative in Tehran met with the brother of the Iranian President to coordinate their

opposition to the Cairo conference declaration. Following the meeting, one member of the Iranian government said that the understanding and collaboration between the Vatican and Iran laid the basis for wider cooperation in "a future war between the religious and the materialists.

An Iranian newspaper subsequently stated that the Iranian president's brother, deputy foreign minister Mohammad Hashemi Rafsanjani, announced Iran's "full endorsement of the collaboration with the Vatican and said there were many evenues for cooperation between religious states.

The intriguing element here is the convergence of views among two of the world's largest religions, and the wider implications of political cooperation among forces that believe society should be organised explicitly according to religious dictates and morality. For those who seek an organisational principle that can neatly explain the lines of plobal confrontation in a world that is no longer simplistically rided into East and West, this may be a good candidate to

The desire to organise society according to religious morality is evident throughout the world, and not only mong Catholics and Islamists. The rise of the religious right in the United States, the controversies over the writings of Salman Rushdie and Taslima Nasreen, and the politicisation of Islamic and Hindu sentiment in India, for example, all reflect the wider struggle that is taking place about the appropriate balance between religion and personal rights, in a world in which states are increasingly being organised along secular lines. The recent historical dominance of the Western concept of secular nation-states, in which religion and politics are explicitly separated, is clearly being chalenged throughout the world.

In the United States, the religious right has made steady inroads into the grassroots institutions of the Republican Party. Recent surveys suggest that the fundamentalist Christian right, associated with the Christian Coalition of tele-Evangelist Pat Robertson, controls the Republican Party apparatus in 10 states and exercises significant influence in eight others. In the recent Republican Party convention in the state of

Texas, rightwing Christian fundamentalist delegates successfully elected Tom Panken as the new party leader on the slogan "a vote for Pauken is a vote for God". A moderate Republican state official who lost to the Christian right noted: "These people aren't interested in politics. They are interested in establishing a theocracy.

The rise of politicised religions throughout the world is

neither new nor unusual. The secular nation-state is the omer on the block of human civilisation. Except for the last several centuries in Western Europe and North America, religion has been the dominant organisational and moral force in most societies throughout the entire world. The advent of the modern secular nation-state in Europe and

North America in the 18th Century was the historical turning point that sought the separation of state and religion, and that relegated religion to the realm of personal spirituality. This was a daring and revolutionary attempt to separate the realm of the divine from the routine of daily politics and

As social and economic problems have increased throughout the world is recent decades, and existing secular nation-states have proved unable to deal with problems of employment, violence, drugs, alienation and other ills of "modernisation", people have instinctively turned to religion and etimicity as sources of comfort in hard times.

A new study published this month by the Washington-based Centre for Strategic and International Studies states that religion has been systematically neglected by U.S. policy-makers, diplomats and journalists as a factor in international affairs. It notes that the U.S. has focussed on economic, military, social and political factors that impact on international relations among states, but has neglected the

role of religion.

Two reasons are given for this: the Western secular separation of church and state, and the focus on "national" interest", power and material advantage as the main determinants of inter-state relations, while ignoring the role

The consensus and even the collaboration among the Vatican, Iran and Al Azhar in opposing elements in the Cairo conference declaration provide the most dramatic example to date of the determination of religiously oriented people to confront what they see as the excesses of the modern materialistic state. The Cairo conference oppositional nsus among Islamists and Western Catholics is unlikely to be repeated so overtly in other fields, because few other subjects can bring these parties together as can their strong sentiments about abortion and sexual morality.

The likelihood is not for more transnational religious coalitions such as the one forged to change the Cairo conference declaration, but rather for a continued increase in the profile, power and impact of religiously oriented groups within individual countries. The "future war between the religious and the materialists" is already well underway in many countries; it is especially evident in societies suffering severe socio-economic disparities, where more and more people turn to God because they are unconvinced that the state can assure them the material needs and the human dignity that are their due as human beings and believers.

In the United States, economic disparities, racism and injustice are the main reasons why religion plays such a strong role in black, hispanic and other minority communities. Among white, middle class Christian fundamentalists, the power of religious assertion derives mainly from fears that traditional social and economic structures may collapse due to runaway libertarianism and moral laxity. A similar set of concerns drives believers in Islamic and other developing societies; some turn to God to help them redress injustice and oppression, others to preserve their way of life and dignity in the face of rapid change and the alienating impact of foreign forces.

Few countries are likely to form proper theocracies ruled directly by religious texts and dicta; these were tried in ancient and medieval times, and eventually gave way to more complex, egalitarian and participatory forms of governance. However, we will continue to see religion used as a dynamic force that seeks to redress excesses and inequities in society, whether these be political, economic, social or moral

In countries where civil society structures exist, religion will work through these mechanisms, as it is doing in political parties in the United States. Where civil society systems are young or nonexistent, religious sentiment will probably be expressed in the form of mass movements, public railies and direct challenges to existing state structures, often calling for theocratic states.

It is interesting that the coalition of the Vatican with Iranian, Egyptian and other Islamists seems to have given the Islamist viewpoint more strength and credibility in the run-up to the Cairo conference; the Islamists cannot simply by written off as religious extremists or dreamers, as they might have been had they opposed the Cairo document on their own. The convergence of Islamic and Catholic views in this instance seems to run against the global consensus; but, it will be taken seriously at Cairo for two reasons: a) the combined political and demographic force of the two parties today, and b) the realisation that religious sentiment will continue to play an important and probably a growing role in colors politics for decades to come and therefore it must be global politics for decades to come, and therefore it must be engaged as a legitimate political actor.

In the post-cold war struggle between the religious and the

materialists, this is an important first skirmish. It is noteworthy for its confrontational aspect, but also for what it reveals about the possibilities for joint action when religiously minded people from different civilisations work together for a single cause. The really intriguing questions, however, remain open for discussion: Is this controversy showing the marginalised condition of the Catholic Church in Western society, or is it heralding the emergence of a global moral majority that includes significant elements of Western, Christian, Islamic and developing societies?

Middle East water crisis — time is running out

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By Ann Milnes Roberts...

LAST MONTH, in the heat of a July afternoon on the parched border north of Aqaba and Eilat, Jordanian and Israeli delegations met and talked peace. They agreed to "mutually recognise as a result of negotiations the rightful allocations of the two sides in Jordan and Yarmuk River water and to fully respect and comply with the negotiated rightful allocations in accordance with agreed principles." After many years of fear, suspicion and outright war, it seems a start can be made to solving the region's water problems
— and only just in time.

In the next few years, Jordan and Israeli will have developed all renewable sources of water and will also have reached a crisis in the use of non-renewable water supplies from deep aquifers formed in ancient times. The region was already suffering from severe water shortage before the recent influx of Soviet Jews to Israel and of some 300,000 Palestinians into Jordan during the Gulf crisis. In 1992, Jordan's population stood at 3,500,000. By 2020 it is expected to rise to 10 million. in water terms, much of the region is already running on empty tanks. In Jordan, Israel and the Israelioccupied West Bank and Gaza Strip, the rivers and underground water sources have been so heavily tapped that they have almost run dry, or are so salinated so to development and use. Countless studies agree

that the River Jordan is utilised to the limit by Syria, Israel and Jordan, share via the East Ghor Canal which channels water from the River Yarmuk a major tributary. Since its victory in 1967, only Israel takes water from the Upper Jordan and the Sea of Galilee (via the National Water Carrier) and, of crucial significance, it consumes five times more water per capita than its neighbours. Plans to build a dam to

store water flows on the Yarmuk have stalled for political reasons. Jordan hoped to use most of this water for irrigation, while Syria was to receive 25 per cent, as well as hydroelectric power to alleviate its electricity shortage. Palestinians on the West Bank could benefit from the project via the proposed West Ghor Canal, However, there are worries about the amounts of water that Syria is already taking from the Yarmuk, emphasising the importance of a regional agreement involving all riparian states. It appears that its peace delegation has recognised this, stating that "water issues along the en-tire border must be dealt with in their totality, including the possibility of cross-border water transfers."

Towards catastrophe

Last year, IPCRI, the Jerusalem-based Israel-Palestine Centre for Re-

"Since its victory in 1967, only Israel takes water from the Upper Jordan and the Sea of Galilee (via the National Water Carrier) and, of crucial significance, it consumes five times more water per capita than its neighbours."

It was against this backround that Jordanians and staelis sat down to negotiate. The July 19 talks, held just six days before His Majesty King Hussein's talks with Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin in Washington, stressed the need to minimise wastage of water resources; to make more water available for use; to agree to share, where appropriate, the available data on common water resources; and to review potential for enhance-

search and Information, asked a group of Israeli and Palestinian water scientists to work together on a proposal for the development of a "Regional Water Master Plan". Whilst stressing that they do not represent the official positions of the sides to the dispute, their report conveys a consen view of the region's water that if Israel, Jordan and the Palestinians were each to adopt as a goal no more than the barest minimum of

man survival, the to-called Minimum Water Requirement (MWR), Israel might just be able to get by on its own resources then Jordan would need to import some 150 million cubic metres of water a year

— 12 per cent of its con-sumption; whilst more than half of all the water re-

this is the choice that confronts the Gaza Strip today. Jordan will probably reach this crossroads in the first quired by the Palestinians would have to be imported. decade of the next century

"If there's no agreement on water, there'll be no peace settlement. We are now living in a water crisis. It's not yet a catastrophe, but by the year 2010 we'll end up having nothing."

The IPCRI team assume that the MWR for survival is 100 cubic metres of water per person per year for combined domestic and industrial use, together a further 25 cm/p/y for grow-ing fresh food for local consumption. (Recycling all urban waste water from this 125 cm/p/y level will generate a further 65 cm/p/y for non-potable purposes). By comparison with this 125 cm/p/y, the theoretical max-imum availability of water for the region's inhabitants in 1992 (derived from their own resources) was estimated at 300 cubic metres for Israelis, 315 for Jorda-mians and 150 for Palesti-

The outlook for 2020 is therefore bleak. If it wants to rely on its own water resources, an Israel returning to its 1967 borders will have to cut consumption by half. But hanging on to the occupied territories only makes matters worse, since it is the territories that would be the first to face a water deficit. The Palestinians can only count on producing some 60 cubic metres of water per person in 2020 — barely half the minimum drinking requirement. As for Jordan, its 2020 prospect is for per capita production of just

110 cubic metres. . If anything, such figures inay be optimistic. They may well both underestimate Palestinian population growth and overestimate Jordanian water availability. A Palestinian population of some 6-7 million looks more likely for the year 2020, while Elias Salameh, a Jordanian hydrologist, puts Jordan's total resources at 896 million cubic metres, against

while Israel will face the same problem soon after 2020. All this assumes a drastic change of lifestyle. Yet there is no indication that any of the riparian states are seriously planning to cut back consumption on anything like the scale required. Dr. Salameh, writing before the current peace process got under way, bluntly expressed the prob-lem: "If there's no agree-ment on water, there'll be no peace settlement. We are now living in a water crisis. It's not yet a catastrophe, but by the year 2010 we'll end up having no-

thing."
One inescapable conclusion is that Palestinians, Israelis and Jordanians will all have to cease using fresh water for agriculture. Indeed, many minimum requirement calculations exchude any allocation for agriculture whatsoever. Yet asking farmers to change farming patterns, or to stop growing crops altogether, will not be easy.

Importation and desalination?

Turkey's solution to all this is its \$20bn project to transport water to both the Jordan Valley and the Gulf, and subsequent variants on the original 1986 "Peace Pipeline" proposal. But no real progress has yet been made on such schemes. IPCRI has a simpler sugges-tion: water exchange. This involves the Jordanians, Palestinians and possibly the Israelis joining together to purchase water from Turkey (say 300 mcm per year) which would be allowed to flow naturally through the Euphrates river where it could be stored for

use by Syria in the Eup-hrates Dam. Syria would then release extra water from the Yarmuk for use by Jordanians, Palestinians and Israelis.

This plan depends heavily on Syria's cooperation. Once again, it demonstrates the difficulty of Israel and Jordan attempting to go it alone. It must be stressed that many Palestinians are highly suspicious of such plans. This writer, recently examining water resources on the West Bank, found Palestinian hydrologists cut off from information and constantly harassed by the Israeli military — insistent on the need to establish control over their own water before they looked at any sharing of such a vital resource.

At present, sheer cost rules out the use of water desalination for agriculture, making it unlikely that proposed multinational sea-water desalination plants at Aqaba and Eilat will be built the near future. At the regional water talks in Oman in April, there was agreement that ways of cutting desalination costs should be pursued. A cheaper alternative might be the desalination of brackish water by reverse osmosis. Other strategies include extending the recycling of urban waste water for crop growing and improved pollution con-trols. Better water treatment processes should prevent further contamination while solar energy use

might be extended to waste water treatment. More efficient household appliance would cut domestic waste. Better plumbing could save up to 50 per cent of household water in some West

Bank and Jordanian towns Israel is at the forefront of advanced irrigation techniques and once trade barriers come down following peace agreements, the entire region should share in-formation on such techniques, the lining of canals and ditches, the development of dryland farming and a switch to salt-toleran crops. Small differences in irrigation efficiency levels can involve huge quanities of water. However, it may well be that farmers find that it costs so much to bring the water to the crops that ground water irrigation may in fact no longer be

There are daunting problems regarding the peace process. The viability of any bilateral water-sharing agreement must certainly be questioned. With a growing population and a shrinking water supply, the time for looking and making claims and counter claims is over. For the and countries of the Middle East, this is the eleventh

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Syrian move seen as positive

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The sources, speaking on condition of anonymity, told the Jordan Times that Syria was now expected to appoint an ambassador to Amman and accept the reappointment of the Jordanian ambassador to Damascus.

Syria has not had an ambassador to Jordan since the last one ended his mission more than a year ago.

"This is definitely an indication that relation between Syria and Jordan are still strong despite the negative media propaganda that suggests otherwise," said one official, adding that "media openness is very crucial to positive communication." Lower House Deputy

Abdul Karim Kabariti said that "Jordanian-Syrian relations should not be conditioned to the variable emerging situations. "Both sides should base

their relations on their long-

standing strategic harmony in order to serve the two countries' political, economic and security interests," Mr. Kabariti said.

He added that "this continuous harmony reflects the congruence of the Jordanian and Syrian points of view in regard to safeguarding strategic interests.'

JTV director-general Ihsan Ramzi said the end to Syris's jamming of JTV broadcasts also ended an "abnormal situation which prevailed

since the Gulf war." Mr. Ramzi said that JTV has always cooperated with Syrian Television and both stations are "complementary in delivering one message.

According to the sources, Syrian moves to end-the strain in ties by adopting symbolic measures should be viewed against the backgrop of the latest development the peace process

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King reaffirms stand

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dan's honourable position during the Gulf Crisis in 1990, saying that "future generations will remember that it was a position of honour and manhood."

He noted that Jordan did not allow any party to the Gulf crisis to use its land or zirspace to carry out attacks gainst another.

The King said Jordan had given and sacrificed more than any other country and therefore it had every right to "live, prosper and set an ideal example for others."
"What Jordan has achieved with very limited

resources, of compared to what others have achieved, gives us the confidence that we are going to achieve more in the future," the King said. The King said Jordan refuses to sign a peace accord and then negotiate.

"We first negotiate and then sign," the King said, adding that the negotiation process involves top level meetings to discuss every-

He said that Jordan was the only country that raised the issue of the 1948 Palestinian refugees, and the need either to repatriate them or compensate them in accordance with international legi-

The King called on the Palestinians to unify their ranks and said Jordan would continue to support them, gious sentiment popt between remaining as members of the united Jordamian family or select other-

> King Hussein said Palestinians living in Jordan are welcome to stay and wished those "who choose another way" good luck.

Jordan was obliged to discuss the issue of Jerusalem rather than delay it till a later stage as stipulated by the Israeli-Palestinian agreement because our holy places are

resume talks

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Times that Israel had required Jordanian planes to fly at a very low altitude or a very high one which practically would crase any economic benefit Jordan would have gained from taking the shorter route to Europe over

One source said that the teams were still negotiating the "altitude problem" although the two sides appeared set to agree on at least one route for their

There is a possibility that agreement would be reached by the end of this week," the source said.

In the economic commit-

tee, the two sides agreed on ject to Israeli taxes." PLO launches crackdown

(Continued from page 1) By nightfall, just six had been freed, Hamas sources said. Palestinian sources said the homes of three suspects from Izzedine Al Oassam. the armed underground wing of Hamas, were raided but

The Palestinian justice minister, Freih Abu Medein. announced that the government-would inaugurate weapons' licences and con-

they were out.

fiscate unregistered guns.
Several of those held were among the 415 Palestinians expelled from the occupied territories in December 1992 and dumped in the mountains of southern Lebanon, sparking an international outcry. Others were only recently released from Israeli jails under

the May 4 autonomy accord. Palestinian police refused to give details of the operation but they were aided by members of the Palestinian security services many of whom are former members of the Fatah Hawks which worked with Hamas during the Israeli occupation.

Dr. Mahmoud Zahar, the Hamas spokesman in Gaza, said he was interrogated by senior Palestinian security officers who appeared to be trying to intimidate the

"We cannot accept the idea of seeing the Palestinian National Authority become a stick for the Israeli authorities," Dr. Zahar said in a telephone interview. Other members said they were forced to sign a pledge to uphold Palestinian security

before being released. Also Monday, a roadside bomb exploded just south of the West Bank town of Bethlehem, an area still under Israeli occupation, wounding three Israeli soldiers. Paramilitary police discovered and dismantled two other devices, an army statement

dear to us and what happened is a recognition of a reality only," said King Hussein, referring to the Washington Declaration preserving Jordan's sovereignty over Islamic sites in the Holy

This reality started since the martyrdom of Hussein I and continued through saving Jerusalem in 1948, and the continuation of our duty towards Islamic holy places and our family and brethren," he

He said once peace was achieved Jordan would be able to rebuild and develop using its utmost, mainly in terms of modernising the

Jordan, he reiterated, does aspirations with it.

Hussein, the Supreme Commander of the Armed Forces, attended the graduation cere-mony of the fourth air force command and war college

at the celebration site by Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff General Abdul Hafez Mirai, the chief of staff of the

an address in which he lauded King Hussein's leadership and highlighted the good reputation of the college. He said officers from Yemen, Pakistan and Malaysia had participated in the course. At the end of the cere-

to excelling ones. The ceremony was attended by Their Royal Highnesses Prince Faisal Ben Al Hussein and Prince Hamzeh Ben Al Hussein, Prime Minister Abdul Salam Majali, Royal Court Chief Sharif Zeid Ben Shaker, Lower House of Parliament Speaker Taher Al Masri and senior

Jordan, Israel

negotiator said. Although the Israeli side had originally protested that it could not negotiate an additional list with the Jordanian side to the one reached between Israel and the PLO, the two sides agreed to allow Jordan to export to "the areas outside the self-rule areas of Gaza and Jericho" at

end of this year. these goods would be "sub-

. The Erez talks are aimed at expanding Palestinian control over health, education, taxation and tourism beyond the Gaza and Jericho. Dr. Shaath chided Mr. Rabin for threatening to slow

the peace process, saying: "I don't think the question really is reprisal and counterreprisal. Everyone must perform his responsibility.... we are taking this very serious-The talks, with the Israeli side headed by Major Gener-

taking place about 25 kilometres north of the attack Security was noticeably beefed up on roads around

the Kissufim crossing, which leads to the Gush Katif settlements where some 4,000 Jews Israeli soldiers patrolled on

Israeli-Palestinian police convoys moved along main An Israeli military source cautioned, however, that

reinforcing troops was at best a partial solution because it was difficult to counter driveby attacks. The source, speaking on condition of anonymity, added that Israel no longer

had the intelligence apparatus and undercover units in place in the Gaza Strip to head off extremist attacks. Hamas has been challenging the PLO to represent the world's six million Palestinians. It has engaged in a

bloody conflict with PLO fol-

lowers in the occupied territories in recent years. Hamas vehemently opposed the autonomy accord signed by Israel and the PLO. But the group had repeatedly pledged not to confront Mr. Arafat's leadership and limit its attacks against Israeli targets.

Armed Forces.

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King Hussein was received

Royal Air Force and the commander of the college. The commander delivered

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an additional list for export to the West Bank with an export value of \$30 million. "This would be over and above our agreed list of exports from Jordan which the Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) and Israel agreed in Cairo agre

a value of \$30 million till the

Jordanian sources said

Russia keeps its treasures locked away

By Janet Guttsman

By Jeffrey Bartholet

OCCUPIED JERUSALEM

- The birth of the Jewish

state was pure and simple —

so says the standard Israeli

narrative. In 1948 the newly

declared state was attacked

by five Arab armies bent on

its destruction. By a miracle,

and because of Israel's moral

fortitude, it won. Roughly

700,000 Arabs of Palestine

became refugees, but that was largely because Arab

leaders, expecting quick vic-

tory, broadcast appeals for them to leave their homes.

Israel desperately wanted

Things aren't so clear any -

more. The prospect of Mideast peace is changing

not only the way Israelis im-

agine their future but also the

way they see their past.

"What has been passed down

to generations of Israelis is

intransigent.

MOSCOW - The drab. white facade of the square block next to a Moscow railway line gives no hint of what's inside — a 300,000 rose of diamonds and platinum, a 47 kg golden globe and tens of thousands of gold teeth.

"I cannot tell you what it is all worth," said guide Inna Goncharova. "These al Danny Rothschild, were are the state reserves and it is up to the president to tell you that -- if he wants to do

The unmarked building, surrounded by sturdy metal railings and gaurded day and night, houses Russia's precious metals committee, where bureaucrats draw up plans for export and profoot, and numerous joint duction and collect gold and

silver offered for sale at home. The long-secret organisation recently opened its doors a crack to a handful of journalists, allowing access to a tiny museum of

ingots, gems, icons and Workers responsible for sorting and restoring the treasures kept behind heavy steel doors talked cautiously to reporters from Russia and a few other countries. But officials kept the vanits of gold and diamonds tight-

ly locked. "Soon we hope to allow access to the reserves," committee Chairman Yevgency Bychkov told a news conference after the

Gold has been the shining exception to the generally dismal picture of Russian industrial output. Officials expect gold production to be little changed at

around 150 tonnes this

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expelled from their towns

and villages by Jewish fight-

ers. Hundreds of Arab civi-

hans were slaughtered, and

Israeli leaders refused to

Israeli historian Benny

Morris.

Elsewhere in an economy struggling to adapt to a capitalist way of life, output has been falling sharply. Industrial production fell 25.8 per cent in the first six months of this year. This is marginally better than the average fall of 27.6 per cent for the Commonwealth of Independent States, the loose grouping formed when the Soviet Union fell

Russia has state and gov-ernment reserves of about 320 tonnes gold, down from 2,049 tonnes in 1953, before the Soviet Union started selling it to pay its bills.

Russia is also a big producer of diamonds and platinum, both of which bring in valuable export revenue.

But production figures and the size of the platinum and diamond reserves are closely guarded secrets - a legacy of the reticence of Soviet days and an effort to avoid disrupting sensitive world markets.

The committee's Moscow headquarters is divided into two sections, an administrative block and a secure building where gems are sorted, gold weighed and silver assessed to see if it should be saved, sold or melted down for scrap.

A single armed security man watches the entrance to the secure half of the building where electronic gates limit access to each

Workers leave gold rings at home or in battered strong boxes outside the lifts, insurance against the temptation to slip away with a particularly attractive ring

have made peace possible after the war. By arguing that Israel was created at the expense of the

make concessions that might

Young Israelis are starting to admit that the Zionist dream was realised at the expense of Palestinians whom Israel in flicted great suffering and injustice (UN-

Israel's 'new historians'

Zionist myths among first casualties of peace

Mr. Morris is one of a vanguard of Israeli scholars called the "new historians." Applauded by some, loathed Palestinians — and that Zionism was not an entirely noble by others, the newcomers are using previously classified enterprise — the new historians have hit some raw documents to sketch a much more critical picture of Zionnerves. While some Israeli commentators dismiss the ism and Israel's early history. new historians as marginal, As detailed in a book and others worry that their views articles by Mr. Morris, for are undermining the country's sense of legitimacy. "If example, the story of 1948 now goes like this. The Jews the rising tide of self-doubts had many more men under fails to subside... we shall arms than the Arabs, and lack the strength to resist their advantage in education dangers to our very existand training made up for an occasional inferiority in ence," argues Israeli novelist Aharon Megged. weaponry. There is no evidence of Arab radio appeals to flee, but hundreds of thousands of terrified Palesti-

The new historians retort that Israel may have needed its myths in the past, but is now strong enough to face facts. "The old historians participated in the 1948 war - that was the golden moment of their lives," says Mr. Morris. "So they couldn't write bad things about it." The younger generation had its own defining moments: the nearly disastrous 1973 war, the 1979 peace agreement with Egypt, the ruinous 1982 invasion of Lebanon, the uprising in the occupied West Bank and Gaza and,

most recently, the huge strides in peacemaking with the Palestinians and Jordan. The debate has intensified in recent months. Older historians accuse the

"youngsters" of exaggerating some events while ignoring others. The insurgents accuse their more established col-Zionism's dirty laundry. In his 1987 book on the Palestinian refugee problem, Mr. Morris details the killing in 1948 of some 250 Arab civilians in Lid in response to sniping and the forced expulsion of tens of thousands of residents from both Lid and

Ramla. Netanel Lorch, who

authored a history of the war, didn't write about Lid because, he says, he didn't have the documents. "It's not like it was a secret," fames Mr.

league's focus on Israeli iniquity. "We won the war," he says, "and we don't have to feel guilty for that." The rewriting of Israeli history is not limited to 1948. Some historians have broached the ultra-sensitive

topic of "the Zionisation of the Holocaust," and are questioning the role that Zionist leaders played during that Jewish leaders in Palestine didn't do enough to save the Jews in Europe, and attack politicans for manipulating the memory of the Holocaust to justify their own

be "Treblinka" - the Nazi death camp). The controversy is about

Lorch bridles over his col-

policies. (Former Prime Minister Menachem Begin claimed that the invasion of

the future as much as the past. The peace agreements with the Palestinians are "causing changes in the selfperception of Israelis," says Anita Shapira, a prominent chronicler of Zionism. "It probably leads to some kind of identity crisis, and we're just at the beginning of this process." But will the 'new history" ever eclipse the old? Already, some of Mr. Morris's findings on the Palestinian refugee problem are included in Israeli school tex-tbooks. "In time, people get used to new ideas, and gradually the new ideas take over," says Mr. Morris. "The spirit of the times and the spirit of the new historiography are on the same track." Myths are one of the first

Newsweek

French policy on Algeria could creat more chaos

By John Ridding

IN A disused army barracks in the village of Folembray, north-east of Paris, 17 Muslim fundamentalists are being detained by the French government. The targets of French crackdown on Algerian militants following the deaths of five French citizens in Algiers last week, the suspected militants have been served with expulsion orders.

Mr. Charles Pasqua, France's hardline interior minister, says the 17 are free to leave as soon as they find a host country willing to take them. But so far, there have been no offers and French government officials said

they had not sought to identify countries which would grant them political asylum.

If the inmates of Folembray find themselves trapped, their detention also symbolises the snare in which French policy towards Algeria is tangled France's unyielding stance towards Algerian fundamentalists, and its reluctance to deal with moderate Muslims in its former colony, reveals a policy rift with its western partners.

More worrying, the latest crackdown has raised threats of reprisals from Algerian radicals, which some fear could drag France into the bitter and bloody conflict between the military-led regime in Algiers and its Muslim fundamentlist opponents. The conflict has claimed the lives of at least 4,000 Algerians and 56 foreigners over

the past two years. The possibility that France may be drawn ever closer to the crisis was clearly demonstrated at the weekend in a message from the Islamic Salvation Army (AIS), a militant grouping which is linked to the Islamic Salvation Front (FIS). The FIS was poised to win general elec-tions in 1992, before they were cancelled by the Algerian government. The front is now outlawed.

The AIS is demanding the immediate release of the 17 detainees. "The arrest and detention of these brothers means that France has declared war on the FIS and on Algerian Muslims," the statement said. "France should renounce this policy of bel-ligerence or it will assume respsonsibility for what will

The warning is the first issued to France by Algerian radicals, and the French government is taking it seriously. There will be no neglect of the threat," said the interior ministry, which responded at the weekend with a tightening of security measures at railway stations, airports and embassies and with highprofile police operations to check the identity papers of

The response reflects the risks involved. France is anxious to avoid an eruption of violence among its Algerian community, which has so far remained aloof from the conflict in the former French colony. An estimated one million Algerians live legally in France, with the number pushed higher by illegal immigrants.

One academic Algerian expert believes it is "certainly possible" that fundamentalist

guerrilla networks exist and could mount attacks within France. But France's tough reaction to last week's attack in

Algiers also reflects its broad-

er, relatively uncompromis-

ing policy over the Algerian

drawn criticism from opponents of France's centre-righ: government. The Socialist Party has urged dialogue with Muslim moderates in Algeria, and has criticised Mr. Pasqua's high-handed approach. So far, however, the government's stance appears to have public backing, although some newspapers, such as Le Monde, argue economic aid to Algeria

should increasingly be linked

to political reforms.

France's strategy has highlighted differences with its western partners, who are more willing to develop contacts with Muslim moderates. One senior U.S. State Department official said last week's killings "only reinforce the concern we have that the Algerian government should broaden its political dialogue" to opposition group that reject violence. By contrast, Mr. Pasqua stated that the only choice is between the existing. If flawed, regime and a radical Islamic government. He dismisses as rubbish" the idea of a moderate Islamic government

taking power in Algeria. The rift has become clearer since the attack on the French embassy building in Algiers. Mr. Pasqua accused the U.K., the U.S. and Germany of being too lenient towards Muslim fundamentalists on their soil, a charge rejected by France's partners. One French foreign ministry official argued that the U.S. is "still trauamatised" by its experience in Iran and is keen to cultivate ties with moderate Islamic

For France, the prospect of a radical Islamic government in Algiers is of acute concern. In addition to fears shared by

other nations of a domino effect across the Maghreb, France is anxious to avoid an influx of thousands of immigrants from its forme: wiony should a radical government

come to power. With unemployment at 12.7 per cent and with antiimmigration parties such as the Front National winning about 10 per cent of the vote in most regional and national elections, a big influx of refugees from Algeria could exacerbate social tensions in France. "It must be a great concern," says one western diplomat in Paris, "particularly if one considers the localised effects in areas such as Marseilles, where there is already a large Algerian and

North African community." France's gamble is that, by providing qualified political support for the existing regime in Algeria and supplying finance to ease its economic plight, this possibility can be avoided. Earlier this year, France agreed to the rescheduling of \$5 billion of the country \$26 billion foreign debt to the Paris Club creditor nations.

The stakes of the gamble, however, are rising ever higher. An upsurge in violence in Algeria since the lull this spring supports the admission of Mr. Alain Juppe, French foreign minister, that "the status quo is no longer tenable.'

In terms of French policy, last week's attack has made the status quo still harder to maintain. But by treating the Algerian crisis as a security issue, as demonstrated by the latest clampdown, the French government risks creating the instability at home that it is so anxious to

The Financial Times

Syria keeps self-sufficiency despite poor wheat harvest

1994 wheat harvest declined by almost one third against last year's 3.6 million tonnes but officials said it was still beyond the country's self-suf-

ficiency targets. They said the 1994 wheat harvest totalled 2.6 million tonnes, 400,000 tonnes more than Syria's annual needs of

2.2 million. There was also a sharp decline in barley yields more than 50 per cent less than the 1.5 million tonnes' target set by the government.

Syria harvested 1.5 million tonnes of barley in 1993. The officials attributed the slump to a heat wave that hit crops earlier than expected.

But despite adverse weather conditions, they said 1994 output hiked Syria's wheat stockpile to more than four million tonnes. But the government had no

plans to export any of the crop, they added. They said only 700,000 tonnes of the 1.8 million stock-

pile of barley were earmarked for export. Syria halted wheat exports in 1992 when yields topped consumption to reach 2.8 million tonnes. Its 1991 harvest

stood at 2.1 million tonnes. The officials said Syria was finding it difficult to provide proper storage facilities for its crops. Of its stockpile of 6.5 million tonnes, the country only has the capacity for

A government newspaper most of cereals were being stored in the open air. Syria is planning new silos to boost storage capacity to 1.93 million tonner

Syria's cereal exports in the

1.5 billion pounds (\$357 miltion).

> Syria to expand corn production

corn production by more than 25 per cent next year to 380,000 tonnes to meet a surge in local demand.

Hassan Alio, general manager of the state-owned Foder Company told Reuters the production target, if met, would slash annual corn imports from 200,000 to 150,000

Russia unveils moves to kick-start economy

MOSCOW (R) — Russia announced measures Monday to kick-start the economy with trillions of roubles in credits to help restructure industry and agriculture.

Under a decree signed last week by President Boris Yeltsin, Russian enterprises will be able to compete for 4.2 trillion roubles (\$2 billion) in state credits, either for investment projects or to help them convert to other

"They have to be viable commercial projects which will give a return on the money," Deputy Economics Minister Vladimir Kosov told

a news conference. The enterprises themselves would have to provide a third of the money for conversion projects and half for invest-

"We are trying to give state credits only after an enterprise invests its own money," Mr. Kosov said.

He said that, including credits already granted in the first quarter, the total sums available for the year would be 1.4 trillion (\$700 million) for conversion projects and 2.8 trillion (\$1.4 billion) for investment projects.

In the second half of this year, 1.5 trillion roubles (\$750 million) would be earmarked for agro-industrial in-

able at a monthly interest problem rate of 10 per cent and all projects had to come to fruition by the end of next year. State investment would be no more than 17 per cent of all investment in Russia in 1994. Mr. Kosov said.

The money to provide the credits was already in the

Deputy Finance Minister Sergei Alexashenko said Russia had a payments crisis due to firms producing goods that nobody wanted to buy and enterprises failing to res-

tructure enough. Debts betwen firms stand at about 90 trillion roubles (\$45 billion) and a commission under first deputy Prime Minister Oleg Soskovets has

The credits would be avail- been set up to deal with the

Mr. Alexashenko said another decree would allow firms to sell their products at below manufacturing costs. This was previously seen as a way to avoid tax and was

punishable by heavy fines.

Mr. Yeltsin has issued a series of decrees this year in an effort to steer economic reforms and keep the initiative from a parliament dominated by conservatives and communists.

"Life moves more quickly than our lawmakers can act - if we were to live according to the constitution and wait for all the laws, I fear we would have many, many problems," Mr. Alexashenko

Egypt's **SUMED** oil pipeline pumps record

CAIRO (R) — The Egypt-based SUMED oil pipeline pumped a record 41.15 mil-ion tonnes of crude oil in the first half of this year and expects further sharp in-

Oil movement manager Mohammad Fawzi said the pipeline, a major conduit for European-bound oil from the Gulf, expected the flow of oil to jump to 47 million tonnes

in the first six months of 1993, or 1.6 million barrels per day.

"Normally we have lower throughout in the first half, and in the second half we achieve more," Mr. Fawzi said. "We hope about 47 million (in the second half)...

The rise in volume follows expansion work earlier this year on the SUMED line, which transports mostly Gulf crude oil from the Red Sea terminal of Ain Sukhna to Sidi Kreir on the Mediterra-

Mr. Fawzi said the line,

"We aim to start utilising the increased capacity gradually," he added. SUMED ly," he added. SUMED Chairman Ali Nazih said in February it might take years for the pipeline to transport

Analysts foresee possible trouble for Turkey

clear signs of recovery in the battered Turkish economy, analysts say dilution of the government's austerity plan and the lack of followthrough may plunge the country into a deeper crisis.

Even treasury officials fear the recovery could be temporary unless concrete measures are taken to improve the flagging privatisation

drive and poor tax collection. Other economists caution that unexpectedly high farm price supports, unveiled by the government in a bid for rural support, could doom the hard-won gains of the past few months.

"Stabilisation packages normally produce positive results in the short-term. The

FRANKFURT (AFP) — The Bundesbank has called

for wage restraint in coming

years warning that big wage rises could revive inflation

and impede efforts to reduce

improvement," a senior state economist said." The World Bank's structural adjustment and sectorial adjustment loans are not being released as we have taken no concrete step for a permanent solu-

In recent months, the hira has stabilised, the rate of inflation has slowed, and the trade and current account deficits have narrowed - first results of a tough austerity

But analysts see signs of possible trouble ahead. Prime Minister Tansu Ciller's coalition government, launched an IMF-backed austerity plan on April 5, calling for tighter spending, a freeze on wages and investments in

accelerated self-offs, higher prices and one-off taxes. It failed, however, to push a streamlined sell-off law through parliament. As a result, the government has lo-

target to \$1.5 billion from \$2.3 billion. The government hoped to use more than half of the self-off revenue to finance the budget gap. Now it is certain that the \$2.3 billion target will not be reached," a

wered its 1994 privatisation

senior official said.
"We may borrow inside at a cost raising interest rates or print money at a cost of monetising deficits to fill the gap. Or we can borrow abroad which seems hard to do," he said.

In another possible blow to

backtracked on its pledged to the IMF that farm price supports would be narrowed to cover only cereals, sugarbeets and tobacco.

Actual support also covered sunflowers, hazelnuts, cotton, lentils and raisins seen by political analysts as a sign of an early election next

The government is planming to introduce special consumption taxes to increase revenues. But so far there has been no sign of the key more - taxation of the underground economy.

Official scenarios based on the assumption the government will stick by its tough programme suggest a moderate improvement by the end

State economists forecast the economy, which grew in 1993 by 7.3 per cent, will shrink by one per cent, lower than earlier forecasts of up to four per cent. Real consumption growth of 10 per cent in 1993 may turn to a contrac-

tion of some seven per cent. That means the Turks. whose wages are to be cut by 15 per cent in real terms under the austerity plan, will spend less.

Official projections obtained by Reuters show year-on-year wholesale price inflation, which eased to 129 per cent last month from an all-time high of 139 per cent in May, would stand at 110 per cent at the end of 1994.

NAM says debt reduction urgent for least-developed nations

JAKARTA (AFP) — A ministerial conference of the Non-Aligned Movement (NAM) said Monday that sizeable reductions are the only solution to the debt problems of the least de-

veloped countries. "The meeting endorsed the need for substantial debt reduction, as opposed to repeated debt reschedulings, as the most appropriate approach to resolution of the debt crisis of developing countries," a report signed by the chairman of the conference on debt and develop-

As massively indebted countries were obliged to give priority to servicing external debt, they have been forced to reduce essential public investment, leading to a sharp increase in poverty and a decline in basic social indicators, conference chairman Saleh Affif said.

"Despite repeated attempts at debt rescheduling, and some debt relief, it is clear that the remaining debt stock of poor developing countries remains so high that the possibility of it being settled in full is virtually nil,

A NAM advisory group on debt, in a report discussed during the three-day meeting that ended Monday, said that a substantial scaling down of debt, by an average of 70 per cent, should be granted to developing countries to allow them to survive economi-

Mr. Afif, who is Indone-

sia's coordinating minister for the economy and finance, said that the meeting endorsed a "once-and-for-all arrangement" for settling all outstanding debt and a reduction applied to all categories of debts.

He said multilateral debts constituted the bulk of outstanding debts for many heavily indebted countries.

However, he said, debt reduction should be negotiated on a case-by-case basis, taking into account each country's medium-term capital needs and its long-term debt

servicing capacity.

Of the 55 to 60 most heavily indebted countries in 1992, which had a combined debt of about \$248 billion, 38 were among the least developed countries, the NAM experts

The meeting also called on NAM members to engage creditor countries in international discussions that could lead to the "adoption of a common set of principles for future debt negotiations."

Sources said that the meet-

ing also sought to change the institutional arrangement for country debt reorganisation managed system to one jointly managed by creditors and

The first high-level meeting on the external debt of developing countries was attended by ministers and officials from 25 debt-distressed least-developed countries, mostly African, and five developing countries.

volume

creases in volume, a senior company official said Sunday

in the second half of the year. He said the previous highest volume of oil transported was exactly 40 million tonnes

orders are not firm yet, but we plan about that level."

made up of two parallel pipes, now had a capacity to carry 117 million tonnes a year, but said the actual volume of oil carried would depend on market demand.

Expansion has been completed but we are using only 50 per cent of the expansion capacity," he said. "In each pipeline we added two pumps... we are using one idditional pump in each pipe-

its full capacity.

German central bank appeals for wage restraint from 1985 to 1993, the Bundesbank said wages which are negotiated branch by branch, had risen on average by 4.1 per cent a year, that is by 38 per cent for the eight years

under consideration, unemployment. But when the reduction in In its monthly report for working hours from 39 hours August, the German central a week to 37-hours 45-mibank said soaring wage costs in 1991 and 1992 were one of the main reasons along with the slowdown in external demand for the recession into

which Germany was plunged In the three years from beginning 1990 to end 1992, wage costs in western Germany increased by 11 per cent, as much as the increase in the entire seven-year period from 1982 through 1989, the bank said. However the Bundesbank said more moderate wage agreements in 1993 and 1994 had created favourable con-

ditions for renewed economic While small wage rises might slow consumption in the short term, in the longer term they lead to growth and creation of jobs, the bank In a study on wage evolu-tion in western Germany

nutes, was taken into account, the rises reached 46' per cent or 4.8 per cent a year, the report said. The period under review comprised three phases: A

period of moderate wage increases in the latter years of the last decade (4.0 per cent a year on the basis of hourly rates), a period from 1990 to end 1992 when wages shot up in the boom which followed German reunification and then a return to moderation in 1993 and 1994 as a result of recession and unemployment with a 4.0 per cent rise in 1993 and 1.5 per cent so far in

The bank said the moderation at the end of the 1980s had helped to "make companies more profitable" and led to "an acceleration in investments." The number of people with jobs rose by 1.2 million while the unemploycent in 1985 to 7.0 per cent in

Overall, household revenue went up by 3.0 per cent a year in real terms largely thanks to a minimal inflation of 1.0 per cent achieved by moderation on the wages ront, the bank said. ...

The change of strategy after reunification proved "that much more serious" because the number of people looking for jobs increased while the amount of availa declined because of the dismal state of east German industry.

The slowdown in the world economy, improved competitivity of foreign products on the German market, changes in currency parities and added wage costs had eaten into the profits of German companies and plunged the country into recession, the Bundesbank said.

In 1993, the bank said workers and employers made job creation their top priority. They agreed to greater flexibility in working hours and wages within the various branches. As a result wage accords in the chemical sector had enabled employers to hire long-time unemployed people at lower than standards rates

The Bundesbank said that in Germany, wage accords in one branch tended to set the tone for negotiations in other branches detracting from their independence and freedom to set their own wage

targets. The Bundesbank acknowledged that there were discrepancies between various inin the crisis-hit mining sector wages had increased by only 3.8 per cent a year from 1985 to 1993 while those of the building industry had risen

5.5 per cent a year. In the former East Germany, the bank said massive wage rises from mid-1990 had hampered the transition from a centralised to a free market

есопошу. In a special report on wage evolution in eastern Germany from 1990 to 1994, the Bundesbank said wage accords negotiated in 1994 had failed to take sufficient account of the economic climate, contrary to those

creases in 1994 had been smaller than in previous years though without any "significant" narrowing of the gap between wage progression and productivity. The bank said excessive

wage rises had prevented the creation of jobs in the service sector where women make up a large portion of the workforce. Such new jobs could have offset the loss of jobs shed by industries in the process of restructuring, the re-

Unions in the east had concentrated on raising wages to the level of those in the west with scant regard to the differences in productivity between east and west, the re-

At the end of 1990, wages in the east were half those in the west. By end 1993, they were 80 per cent of western eearnings excluding Christ-mas and holiday bonuses and 13th months paid in the west but not in the east.

But the bank said the real gap between earnings was less because rents in the east were 30 per cent cheaper and the cost of living was six per cent less than in the west.

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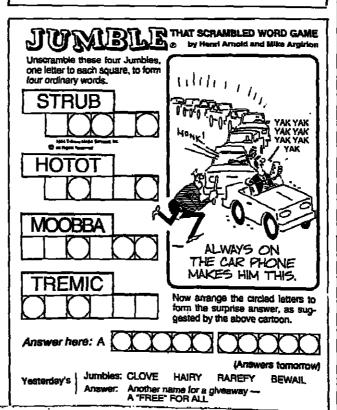
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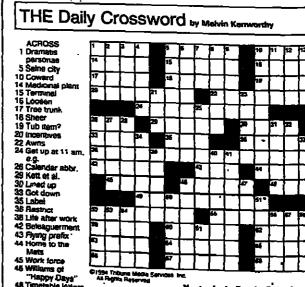






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Japan losing Arab Gulf electronics market to other Asian countries

DUBAI, United Arab Emi- 8.9 million sets in 1992 and rates (AFP) — Japan is losing its grip of the Incrative Gulf electronics market to its Asian neighbours due to a surge in the yen and export blitzes by other producers,

official figures have showed. After years of domination. Japan's share has started to shrink in some electronics products while in others it was even overtaken by some Asian producers that are considered newcomers to the oilrich market.

China, whose exports to the region were negligible in the mid-1980s, is now the dominant force in the radiocassette market in Dubai, the Middle East's main commercial centre and a major reexporter to local and foreign

- Figures by the state-run Dubai statistics department 9.5 million sets in 1993 from

their value grew to around 632 million dirhams (\$172.2 million) from 620 million dirhams (\$169 million).

China, which has one of the fastest-growing economies, accounted for 78 per cent, exporting 7.8 million sets in 1993 compared with seven million in 1992, according to the figures, published in the UAE daily Al Khaleej.

dirhams (\$86.6 million) due to a fall in prices caused by strong competition in the regional market.

showed total radio imports increased by six per cent to from 290,000 sets.

Despite the increase in quantity, their value dropped to 300 million dirhams (\$81.7 million) from 318 million

gional market.

The report showed Japan's share fell to 2.8 per cent from 5.7 per cent, with radio exports plunging to 271,000 sets from 516,000 sets.

Singapore's share also fell to 456,000 sets from 474,000 sets while South Korea

Although Japan still dominated the video cassette market, its share dived to 70 per cent in 1993 from 88 per cent in 1992. The drop occurred despite a 15 per cent growth in Dubai's video imports to 591,000 sets from

Japan exported 412,000 sets in 1993 compared with 450,000 sets in 1992, the value falling to 313 million dirhams (\$85.2 million) from around 334 million dirhams (\$91 million). The decline benefited

other Asian producers, with South Korea's share surging to 17.5 per cent from eight per cent and exports more than doubling to 103,000 sets from 41,500 sets, the report Malaysia's share jumped to 10 per cent from 3.5 per cent and the exported sets to 60,000 from around 17,900. It also emerged as the biggest exporter of television sets, reaching 244,000 in 1993, nearly 32 per cent of the

South Korea, now one of the main economic partners of the Gulf countries, replaced Japan as the second biggest TV exporter, with its share rising to 26 per cent from 22 per cent and exported units to 203,000 from 150,000.

"Japan is losing its share in the Gulf market because of the sharp rise in the yen against the U.S. dollar, to which regional currencies are pegged," a local dealer said.

"Another reason is that several Asian countries are engaged in promotion drives, which include opening offices and finding more agents. Japan seems not interested in such drives as it has an old base here."

The yen rise was underscored in the big gap in prices of products from Japan and its Asian neighbours.

The figures showed the average price of a Malaysian television set stood at 900 dirhams (\$245.2) and a South Korean at 745 dirhams (\$202.9). A Japanese television fetched 1,666 dirhams (\$453.9). The gap also occurred in the sale of video and radio cassettes.

Despite the decline, Japan has remained the top econo-

data showed only a 0.3 per

cent increase, near the not-

mic partner of the UAE and : other Gulf nations, with a two-way trade of nearly \$34 . billion in 1993. But the growth in such an exchange has remained far lower than. -that in trade between the Gulf and other Asian countries, mainly China.

Al Khaleej said the electronics market in Dubai, a. member of the United Arab Emirates (UAE), had sharply grown in recent years due to a buying spree by tourists... from Russian and other previous communist countries.

About 300,000 of those tourists visited Dubai in 1993 and their electronics purchases topped \$800 million, more than half Dubai's total electronics imports during that year.

Silver price continues to drop

LONDON (R) — Silver fell to its lowest level since late January at 505.00 cents per ounce at Monday's official fixing, continuing its plunge in New York on Friday after news that U.S. inflation was slower than expected.

On Friday silver was fixed at 519.25 cents in London. while at the beginning of this month it was hovering around 533 cents.

Pressure was building in the market after prices fell through 520 cents last week, one bulion dealer said. But he added: "It absorbed some selling this morning and found buying to support it at 504 cents.'

Silver prices tumbled 13.30 cents to 507 cents on the New York Comex market's September contract on Friday. They followed the neighbouring gold futures trading pit down after July

U.S. consumer price index

tom of economists' forecasts. "That means inflation was no longer the market's main concern," one dealer said,

noting the market was focusing on the prospect of an interest rate rise after Tuesday's meeting of the Federal Open Market Committee of the U.S. central bank.

"But all the bad news is in the marekt (price)." he addsd.

Higher U.S. short-term interest rates would tend to make non-interest bearing assets like gold the silver less attractive than interest-yielding ones like government bonds. They would also increase the cost of investing in precious metals.

Silver prices reached a peak for the year on March 24 at 574.75 cents, their highest level since Nov. 27, 1989, on buying by investment funds.

But a combination of silver mines selling to take advantage of the higher price and a lack of support from other investors caused the funds to switch to more buoyant commodities such as base metals, crude oil and coffee.

Brazil crop report brings coffee prices back to boil

LONDON (R) - Coffee prices steamed ahead Monday after a long-awaited re-port from the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) forecast a sharply lower Brazilian crop in 1995/96.

On the London Commodity Exchange, coffee for November delivery was up \$152 to \$3,425 a tonne at midday. It is still 16 per cent off an 81/2 year high reached in early July after two severe frosts in Brazil, the world's biggest producer.

Consumers, already hit by retail price hikes following a tightening of world coffee supplies prior to the Brazilian frosts, will probably have to dig deeper into their pockets as the effects of the latest rises filter into the shops.

The USDA, which published its report after the markets had closed Friday, said Brazil's 1995/96 crop would be between 17 million and 20 million 60-kilogramme bags, a drop of around 30 per cent from the 26 million predicted for this season's

crop.
"Today's price gains reflect
the fact that the USDA. whose views are regarded as authoritative, thinks the frost damage to the Brazilian crop really is bad," said one-

"But their assessment is not the last word on the t. It will be in to know accurately what is happening until after the trees start flowering next month," he added.

Traders said prices could make further advances if the New York futures market reacts bullishly to the USDA

Brazil recently forecast a 1995/96 crop of 15 million oags, down from a pre-frost estimate of 26 million. On Friday the government said it contested the USDA figure, adding the frost damage was more extensive than the department believed.

A statement signed by trade policy secretary Frederico Robelhinho and the head of the National Coffee Department Claus de Freitas said the 1995/96 harvest would be between 15 million and 17 million bags. It added the 1994/95 harvest would reach at most 22 mil-

lion bags.
The USDA report is widely regarded as the most accurate and objective assessment of the frost damage so far. The department has a reputation for giving rather conservative estimates but its Brazilian crop forecast fell below most trade expecta-

Responding to the report, London-based broker GNI said in its daily market com-ment: "We feel that the time is now right to close out short (positions) and another rally

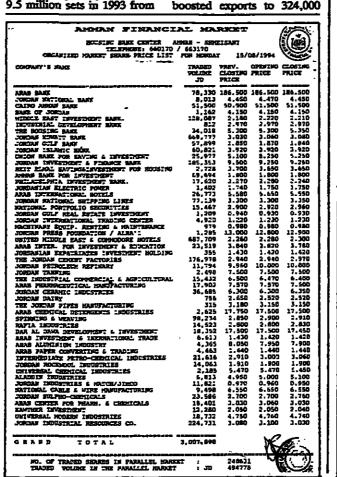
is on the cares."

The freak cold snap damaged Brazil's extensive coffee crop in late June and nearly July, igniting a meteoric rise in world prices. Brazil accounts for about a quarter of global coffee output and is also the biggest exporter of the commodity.

A team sent by the USDA spent 21 days and travelled 6,000 kilometres surveying the major coffee areas. Its 1995-96 projection represents potential production given good management and normal weather during the rest of the growing season.

Without favourable weather to aid growth, Brazil's coffee crop could see further damage, a USDA analyst

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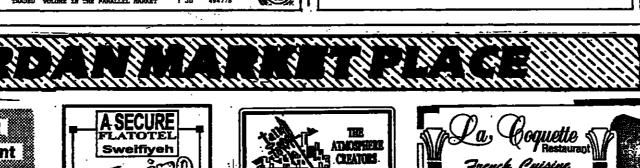
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Manchester United win Charity Shield

LONDON (R) — A stunning overhead goal from Paul Ince and another Wembley penalty from Eric Cantona earned English double winners Manchester United a 2-0 victory over Blackburn Rovers in Sunday's Charity Shield.

Injury-weakened Blackburn, appearing in the Wembley pre-season opener as league runners-up, held United to a single goal from a first-half penalty until nine minutes from time.

Midfielder Ince doubled United's winning margin with
a spectacular bicycle kick in
front of goal after Cantona
headed a bad clearance from a corner back into the box.

The French international, who will miss the start of the new season after receiving a three-match ban this week for a sending-off last weekend, put the champions ahead in the 23rd minute. Defender Colin Hendry

was adjudged to have pulled down Ince in the box and the self-assured Cantona casually stroked home another Wembley penalty.
In May, he became the first

player to score two penalties in an F.A. cup final in the destruction of Chelsea.

Controversial new instructions to referees to clamp down on tackling from behind and dissent were evident, with World Cup referee Philip Don booking seven players in a reasonably wellempered encounter.

Blackburn clearly missed the most expensive strikeforce in English football as they struggled to create goal-scoring chances.
England striker Alan

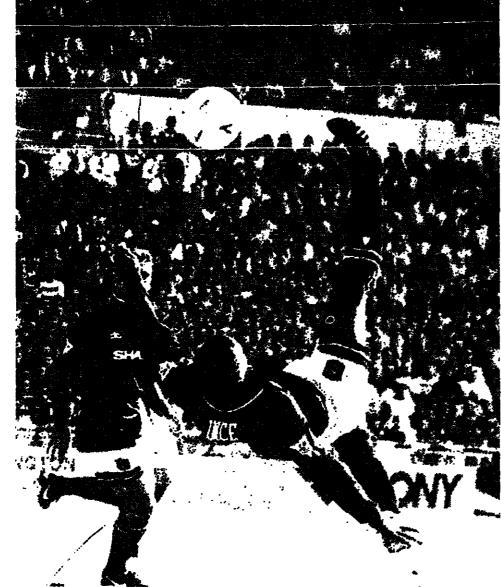
Shearer is recovering from food poisoning and his new partner, five million-pound (\$7.74 million) Norwich recruit Chris Sutton has an ankle injury.

In a rare outburst, Blackburn Manager Kenny Dalglish attacked controversial new refereeing instructions following the seven bookings. The clampdown highlight-

ed orders from FIFA, the game's governing body, for referees to get tough on foul

It led to a rush of yellow cards and 10 dismissals on Saturday's opening day of the football league season and to a lashing from the normally reticent Dalglish.

"If there are going to be seven or eight bookings in a match I don't think anyone's



Manchester United's midfield star Paul chester United beats Blackburn Rovers Ince scores the second goal for his team 2-0 a pre-season friendly match (AFP with a spectacular overhead kick as Man-

going to enjoy it," said Dalg-lish, whose side lost 2-0 to Manchester United.

"I don't think the bookings reflected the game.

"To me, the game was like first-phase World Cup game. Everytime there was a free kick, there seemed to be a yellow card. You cannot take the commonsense out of refereeing. If you do... then I don't think anyone's got a

planded the new disciplina-

National Football Associations to follow their lead in rian attitude. the World Cup where re-ferees were much harsher on "This is what should happen. People paid £35 (\$54) to watch the Charity Shield and

penalising fouls and dissent. English World Cup referee Philip Don Booked Blackburn's Tim Sherwood. Graeme le Saux, Colin Hendry and Jason Wilcox, and United players Ryan Giggs, Lee Sharpe and Steve Bruce

on Sunday.

But Manchester United tion a chance.'

"The referee had a difficult job today because everybody is watching to see how it pans out. I thought he got it right and I have absolutely no complaints. You have to give players in an attacking posi-

need to be entertained," he

Schumacher back on course for title

Schumacher's dominant victory in Sunday's Hungarian Grand Prix put him and the Benetton team back on course for one of the most controversial Formula One title triumphs in the history of

the championship.

By increasing his lead over
Briton Damon Hill, of Williams, in the drivers' title race to 31 points, the 25-year-old German regained the psychological advantage against his nearest rival.

He also created a big enough cushion to survive the two-race ban he faces if he loses his appeal in Paris on Aug. 30 for ignoring the black flag at Silverstone in last month's British Grand

But Schumacher and his Benetton team know that even if they go on and claim their first championships ---Schumacher is on course to the youngest champion in Formula One history — they may have to work even harder to clear their names after a month of allegations about cheating.

The black flag chaos at Silverstone, which resulted in the race steward being suspended for a year as well as a \$500,000 fine for Benetton, was followed by a statemen by the sport's ruling body FIA that Benetoon's car management software for the San Marino Grand Prix earlier this year had included an illegal driver aid known as "launch control,"

The FIA was unable to prove it had been used by Benetton and the team declared their innocence, claiming the computerised aid had been left in a software menu since the previous year but had not been used this season.

Several other teams have revealed since that they also have left some of last year's now-banned computerised "driver aids" in their systems, but not used them this year. All the teams appear to have accepted Benetton's

version of these events. But Benetton's rival teams have found it more difficult to accept that the Anglo-



German driver Michael Schumacher raises a clenched fist during the awarding ceremony after winning the Hungarian F1 Grand Prix. British driver Damon Hill (Williams-Renault) placed second and Dutch driver Jos Verstappen (Benetton-Ford) placed third (AFP photo)

Italian team were not seeking to gain an advantage by removing a filter from their refuelling system prior to the German Grand Prix, an irregular act which Benetton claimed they did only after receiving permission from the

The claims and counterclaims from the FIA and Benetton developed into a major dispute during the course of the Hungarian Grand Prix and it is to Schumacher's enormous credit that he was able to shut this from his mind and concentrate with single-minded success on winning the race.

duled 16 races and he admitted it was "not the most satisfying, but the most important" victory of his career for obvious reasons. Hill was second and Schumacher's Benetton team mate Dutchman Jos Verstappen, who was slightly burned in the refuelling fireball at the

German Grand Prix two

macher's face on Sunday

night radiated his relief at

gaining his seventh win in the first 10 of this year's sche-

weeks earlier, gained his first podium finish by taking third While they celebrated, Benetton's Managing Director Flavio Briatore said he and

his team's owner Luciano Briatore were considering the possibility of taking legal action against Intertechnique, the French company which makes and supplies the refuelling rigs used in F1, for the damage caused to Benetton's image worldwide last weck.

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Briatore said Benetton believed the Hockenheim fire was not caused by the removal of the filter from their refuelling rig — as claimed by Intertechnique and the FIA and reported worldwide but by faulty parts supplied by Intertechnique.
"I believe Intertechnique

was quick to rush to conclusions before making a serious check and has damaged the name of a worldwide company, Benetton, in the worldwide press," he said.

Briatore said he would now wait for FIA's final report into the fire and an independent report commissioned by Benetton. The independent company's preliminary report, leaked by Benetton at the weekend, severely criticised the integrity of the equipment supplied by Intertechnique to all the teams. In an unexpected move,

Intertechnique supplied new parts for the much-criticised nozzles of the refuelling equipment at the Hungaroring on Friday evening, a fact which Benetton claim proved that the previous parts were faulty.

The French company and FIA did not make any official comment on the issue during the weekend, leaving Benetton to celebrate a convincing win on Sunday night which puts them in good spirits for the next race, the Belgian Grand Prix at Spa-Francorchamps on Aug. 28.
It is a face that Schumacher

is relishing. "It is the nearest to my family home, it is the cricuit where I made my debut in 1991 and where I won my first race in 1992. We will be looking forward to it," he

If events conspire against him two days later, however, it could be his last race of the

FIFA have instructed Manager Alex Ferguson ap-Thompson wins 100 metres with broken arm

- INDIANAPOLIS, Indiana (R) — World record holder Jenny Thompson, swimming with a broken arm held logether with a titanium plate and seven screws, won the 100-metre freestyle on Sunday at the U.S. National wimming Championships.

Thompson, 21, won in 55.50 seconds, capping a re- her forearm. After missing 10

markable comeback since she broke her left arm in a freak water slide accident during a college fraternity party at Stanford University in May. Thompson underwent

surgery June 3. She had more than 100 stitches and a plate and seven screws put in her arm, and has a 15 cm scar on

days of practice, she returned to a rigorous regimen of physical therapy and two-aday pool workouts.
"The doctors told me be-

fore the surgery I always had next year and I told them I didn't, that I wanted this year," said Thompson. "This win means more to me than breaking the world record. I felt myself digging

in at 75 metres and knew I had the race won. "I guess I have a bionic arm now," Thompson said. The arm is still broken, but it's held together pretty well.

It gets tight, but now the pain is muscular, not the bone." Two years ago, Thompson was the first U.S. woman in 59 years to break the world record in the 100-metre freestyle in 54.48. Her record still

In the same race, Angel Martino and Nicole Haislett, both members of the 1992 Olympic team, tied for second in 55.84 and will have a swim-off to determine the second individual qualifier for Rome. The next four finishers qualified for the 400-metre freestyle relay.

In other races, Seth van Neerden, 26, tied Olympian Nelson Diebel's U.S. record by winning the 100-metre breaststroke in 1:01.40, the world's fastest time this year, Allison Wagner, 17, won the 400-metre individual medley in 4:40.27 and Chad Carvin won the 200-metre freestyle in 1:49.19.

The seven-day competition is the selection meeting for the world championships

Chang beats Edberg in badly the people just walked out. It was humiliating." MASON, Ohio (R) - Amer-

ican Michael Change beat an ambarrassed Stefan Edberg 6-2 7-6 on Sunday to win the \$1.72 million ATP chamionship for the second year

in a row. Chang, the fourth seed and ranked seventh in the world, had few challenges from the second-seeded, fourth-ranked Swede in a repeat match-up of last year's final. Edberg did not look like a player who was once the best in the

Edberg picked up his game a bit in the second set, but the first set was a complete disaster. He lost the first 11 points of the match and in the blink of an eye was down two service breaks at 3-0. "You almost feel embar-

rassed, at least I do," said Edberg, who raised his arms high into the air to a cheering crowd when he finally won the 12th point.
"It's a nightmare. It took me 11 points to get a point. Every shot I was mistiming or

he hit a winner. I realised it was 3-0 in 10 minutes and you go, wow, what's going on here?"

Chang, who earned \$245,000 for the win, could understand how Edberg was feeling.
"You have a few matches

were you do feel that way, Chang said. "I've definitely been on court feeling very embarrassed. I once played an exhibition with Johan Kriek and I was playing so

Last year, Edberg pushed Chang to three sets in the

The sheer joy on Schu-

Navratileva to skip U.S. Open

LOS ANGELES (R) — Martina Navratilova announced on Sunday that she will not compete in the U.S. Open, which begins August 29 in Flushing Meadow, New

Navratilova, who has won four U.S. Open singles titles in her career, said that she does not feel fit enough for the gruelling two week Grand Slam event.

"My 37-year-old body is telling me to play on indoor surfaces, and I think it's time to listen," Navratilova said in statement issued by her publicist.

TENNIS ROUNDUP

"I also need some time at home to rest and get in shape," Navratilova continued. "I've only been home for two days since May, and I want to spend some time preparing physically and mentally for the four or five other tournaments I will play before I retire from singles at the end of the year."

The decision means that Navratilova's final career Grand Slam match was her

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same way. However, declarer elect-ed to discard a spade on the dia-mend and then finesse the jack of clubs to emerge with 10 tricks.

loss in the Wimbledon final Conchita Martinez of Spain last month.

Navratilova, who was upset by American Grossman in the third round of the Virgi nia Slims of Los Angeles, is scheduled to play in five more indoor tournaments: Tokyo, Zurich, Filderstadt, Germany, Oakland, California and the year-end cham-pionships in New York.

Frazier beats Grossman in final

MANHATTAN BEACH. California (R) — Tenth seed Amy Frazier won her third career singles title when she whipped 13th-seeded fellow

American Ann Grossman 6-1 6-3 on Sunday in a battle of surprise finalists at the \$400,000 Virginia Slims of \$ Los Angeles.

Frazier had shocked top seed and .recently-crowned Wimbledon champion Conchita Martinez of Spain in the quarter-finals, while Grossman had upset second seed and defending champion Martina Navratilova in the third round of the 56-player, hard court tournament.

Frazier, who hit 23 winners compared to just six from Grossman, called the win a stepping-stone for her as she points towards the U.S. Open beginning August 29.

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showpiece ended at the weekend short on shocks, drama, records - and Sergy Bubka.

The Bubka factor may only have caused a few ripples last week, but his absence could turn into a tidal wave threatening the very future of the European championships as a major event.

The Ukrainian world record pole vaulter left the Helsinki limelight to a chutch of world-class athletes led by Britain's world and Olympic champion sprinter Linford

Officially, he wanted to spend some time with his family. Unofficially, most athletics pundits smelt the influence of money... or rather, the lack of it.

Bubka can command up to 50,000 pounds to make a Grand Prix meeting appearance, with bonuses for the 35 world records he has posted so far during a glittering

The only reward on offer at the European championships came in the shape of a medal and a title.

Christie, along with fellow Britons Colin Jackson and Sally Gunnell, Germany's Heike Drechsler, France's Marie-Jose Perec, Russian Irina Privalova and Czech Jan Zelezny — as well as their agents and sponsors all accepted those terms.

But, in a sporting world increasingly dominated by wads of dollars, they may not be keen to repeat the experience in four years...

To make matters worse, Christie and co. were barely challenged on their way to gold. The lack of competition, as Privalova suggested after her sprint double, devalued the achievement.

The Russian, hardly cartwheeling with joy after emulating Katrin Krabbe's feat four years ago, said: "It was to easy. You can't run fast

without competition."
Only Jackson, Britain's 110m. hurdler star and already the world and European record holder, managed to push himself to the limit,: producing two championships bests on the way to his winning final.

Christie did not need to go under ten seconds for gold, Drechsler needed just one



Spaniard Martin Fiz raises his arms as he crosses the finish line of the men's Marathon at the 16th European Athletic Championships in Helsinki, clocking a new championships record time of 3:10:30 hours. Advancing to the finish in the background is compatriot Diego Garcia, who won the silver medal in 2:10:46 hrs, ahead of another Spaniard, Alberto Juzdado (AFP photo)

jump to end her event; while. 400m runner Perec and hurdler Gunnell both won in a

World and Olympic javelin champion Zelzny, like Jackson, did produce a stir - by

But even that drama was watered down, since he faced quality opposition in the shape of Britain's gold medal winner Steve Backley, the former world record holder and defending champion, and 1987 world champion Seppo Raty of Finland.

The only other shock was: self-inflicted, when decathlete Eduard Hamalainen of Belarus, the world number two behind American Dan O'Brien and comfortably on the way to the title, hit his

110m discipline and hobbled out of Helsinki.

To keep the stars, the European Athletics Association may have to follow the International Amateur Athletics Federation's lead at the World Championships.

At Stuttgart, it took a 20,000-pound Mercedes for event winners to convince the best to take part (some, like Algerian Nouredinne Morceli. who eventually ran, and Kenyan Yobes Ondieki, who didn't, were less than impressed with the idea of

chassis-chasing).

IAAF president Primo

Nebiolo has already said
there will be no cash handouts at the next world finals at Gothenburg in Sweden next year - but the trend is clear. Cars today, appear-

ance fees and cash prizes

Without similar prizes, the European championships are doomed to second-class status, reduced to the role of a talent feed for nearly-men and young hopefuls trying to make it to the big time of Olympics, World Championships and personal

eccountants. The two major discoveries this time were Geir Moen, Norway's new sprinting find, and Britain's Du'aine Ladejo, the 400m individual and relay champion.

Moen, dubbed the fastest white man on earth, won the 200m in a personal best of 20.30 after following Christie home in the 100, while Ladejo, 23, ended fellow Englishman Roger Black's dream of a third Euro gold in a row before making his peace with him in the winning relay.

On the down side, Helsinki was rife with drugs rumour. Only two cases, however, emerged during the event. British sprinter Solomon Wariso was withdrawn on the first day of the event after testing for ephedrine and Bulgarian triple jumper Sofia Bozhanova was sent home

for using amphetamines. But at least the championships provided "real athletics" rather than a menu of artificially-paced record attempts that have become so familiar on the Grand Prix circuit.

Even without Bubka, the pole vault — won by Russian Radion Gataullin for the second time in a row with a six-metre clearance -proved gripping.

There was Bulgarian Yordanka Donkova's despair inthe women's 100m hurdles, when she failed to hear a semi-final false start and blasted down the whole course before realising her blunder, two hours later in the final, those wasted ounces of energy doomed her to a disappointing bronze.

Spain's clean-sweep of the marathon proved mesmerising but the most moving moment of the games came in the men's 3,000m steeplechase, when Alessandro Lambruschini won gold — thanks to compatriot Francesco Panetta's helping hand.

Dream Team II takes gold

Derrick Coleman of the United States makes a layup

as Russian Yevgeni Kissourin look on during their

gold medal championship game at the World Cham-

pionship of Basketball in the Skydome in Toronto

TORONTO (AFP) - A gold medal was not enough for Dream Team II at the World Basketball Chamapionships. They had to win big as well. Mission accomplished, and then some.

The U.S. team of National Basketball Association stars routed Russia 137-91 here Sunday to win the world title and match the gold-medal effort of the original 1992

Olympic Dream Team.
"We just turned it up a notch from the time we got out of bed," said forward Dominique Wilkins, who led the U.S. team with 20 points. "We didn't want to just win the gold medal. We wanted to win convincingly, to show everyone we had been cruising out there."

Shaquille O'Neal added 18 points and 10 rebounds while Alonzo Mourning had 15 points and Shawn Kemp scored 14 for the U.S. squad, which had eight double-fi-gure scorers. They won their nation's third world title. matching the record set by the Soviet Union and Yugos-

lavia. "It's a great feeling, a very special moment and a step-ping stone in my career," Wilkins said.

Derrick Coleman opened with a 3-point shot and a 3-point play and when Joe Dumars followed with another 3-point, the rout was

"It was all a test," said Coleman, who finished with 13 points. "The U.S. has won. That's all that matters." Dream Team II slam dunked and 3-pointed theire way to a 30-12 lead after only 6:02. The U.S. squad made 11 of their first 12 shots,

pulled ahead 73-40 at half-

time and stretched their mar-

gin throughout the second half to complete an 8-0 run

through the event.

team lacked in most earlier "We wanted to come out with fire and energy and atti-

thing, we came through."

Coleman and Kemp

AFP photo)

tude," Kemp said. "We "It was tough to get wanted to blow them away. motivation earlier on, but a championship game is great motivation," U.S. guard Kevin Johnson said. "When Me and Derrick demanded the ball inside. We had an emotional lineup in there, the game finally meant somesome guys who were hungry.

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The game quicklay became a showcase for the individual brought an intensity the U.S. skills of NBA players, with Mark Price and Reggie Miller sinking long-range shots while Kemp and O'Neal jamed shotes. Forceful blocks by Kemp and O'Neal brought wide-eyed looks from Russian starters Mikhail Mikhailov and Sergei Babkov, who led Russia with 22

This was important for the progress of basketball as a whole," Russian coach Sergei Belov said. "The rest of the world got to play the

best of the world. Croatia won the bronze medal, beating Greece 78-60 for third place, Dino Radja scored 22 points and Arijan Komazec added 21 points and nine assists for Croatia. The game came just 13 hours after a 66-64 semi-final loss to Russia cost Croatia an

expected spot in the final. "It's not easy to play with motivation 12 hours after a difficult loss," Croatia's Toni Kukoc said. "I don't think they beat us as much as we beat ourselves. But third in the world is a big success for

Komazec scored 10 points in a 16-7 Croatia run to open the second half, pulling his team ahead 54-39 with 12 minutes remaining. Greece never came within 10 points after that.

"It wasn't a beauty of a game, but we played just well enough to win," Radja said. 'We didn't show a good face, but it was hard after an emotional loss. This young country of only four million people has medals in the Olympics. European and world championships. We all have to be satisfied. After all these games, I think we can be happy."
Stojan Vrankovic had 11

points and 15 rebounds, Kukoc had 14 points, including back-to-back 3-point shots to start a 17-4 run that put Croatia ahead to stay just 6-38 into the game.

first hurdle in his favourite S. Africa aims to spoil Australian medals spree VICTORIA, British Columbia (R) — South African "Timings have improve

swimmers, competing in their first Commonwealth Games for 36 years, aim to help spoil the Australian medals party when competition starts on-

Friday.
"The Australians have put the word about that they are going to win everything. That's upset a few teams," South African swimming coach Brian Graham said on

With their 19 swimmers and barely two years experi-ence back in international competition, South Africa can hardly expect to pose a serious threat to Australia's crack 45-strong squad.

But they have learned a lot since their disastrous first big international outing at the 1992 Barcelona Olympics and

Amman, near. Amon Hotel.

"Timings have improved a

great deal in the last two years, since we've had more experience and motivation." said Graham. "Our target is five medals — perhaps two or-three in the relays."

Games in Auckland, New Zealand in 1990, Australia won 59 swimming medals, Canada 32, England 13 and New Zealand eight. Wales and Zimbabwe managed one

South Africa's hopes of spreading the medals a little more evenly this time rest on three individuals — Penny Heyns, ranked fourth in the world in the 100 metres. breaststroke, Peter Williams in the 50 metres freestyle and Marianne Kriel in the 50

At the last Commonwealth

metres freestyle and 100

Heyns said she felt much more confident about her chances both in Victoria and at the World Championships in Rome next month than she had at the Olympics.

"I was really taken aback by everyone I was swimming against. I swam two seconds slower than my: best," she

Kriel is convinced Heyns, now based in the United States, will win, with her added experience and "It helps not to have the

Americans and Chinese here," she commented. "We've been to as may international meets as we can. That's helped, with

nerves especially."

During their years of isolation, South Africans had few

goals and little motivation. "There was one big competition a year -- the nationals. Now we have to aim for. we can travel. It makes it all worth the hours we put in," Kriel said. .

Despite the country's long coastline and balmy climate. swimming is not a high profile sport in South Africa and there are only two Olympicsized indoor pools in the country.

Williams, who based him-self in the United States for several years, has had to move to Durban from Johannesburg to be near one.

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NEWS IN BRIEF

Israel increases Palestinian workers

OCCUPIED JERUSALEM (AFP) — Israel on Monday increased the number of Palestinians permitted to work in its territory from 56,000 to 63,750, an official said. Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin took the decision to help the Palestinian self-rule authority solve its economic problems, an official source said. The World Labour Organisation (WLO) has estimated that the Gaza Strip suffers 41 per cent unemployment and the West Bank 25 per cent. Frustration at the Israeli limit placed on the number of Palestinian work permits has spared clashes between workers and Israeli soldiers at border crossings. Israeli coordinator in the West Bank and Gaza General Danny Rothschild told the government the cost of farm products had rise by 50 to 100 per cent in Gaza since Yasser Arafat returned there in mid-July. Gen. Rothschild also said there was a serious housing problem in Gaza after the arrival of 10,000 police and civil servants of the Palestinian authority.

Anti-Zionist requests Palestinian passports

GAZA STRIP (AFP) — Ultra Orthodox Rabbi Moshe Hirsh asked Yasser Arafat Sunday to give Palestinian passports to all the members of his anti-Zionist sect, Hirsch announced after the meeting. "We are impatiently waiting for these passports because we don't recognise the Zionist entity," he hold reporters, adding that he had hundreds of thousands of followers. "I consider Arafat to be my president and besides he has appointed me minister," said Rabbi Hirsh, 62, whose organisation is part of the Netoure Karta sect and has several dozen ultra-Orthodox Jewish followers. Palestinian officials said the passport request was being considered and added that Rabbi Hirsch had been appointed "advisor for Jewish affairs" and not minister. Rabbi Hirsch said Mr. Arafat had appointed him to oversee Jewish interests in the new autonomous regions, namely cemeteries. The Netoure Karta sect considers that the creation of a Jewish state in Palestine before the coming of the Messiah is a sacrilege. Rabbi Hirsch's group is the only one to have established contact with the Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO).

Tel Aviv gets new breed of ratcatchers

TEL AVIV (AFP) - Tel Aviv authorities, facing a plague of rats, mice and moles in the city, have found a new ally in their battle against rodents - black snakes. A snake breeder, Yosef Cohen, has offered the services of 12 of his non-venomous stock to the public, the municipality said. The snakes will be a rapid deployment force, returning to their cages promptly after each operation, to avoid scaring the public. Mr. Cohen said his method was preferable to setting traps for rodents or baiting them with poisoned food which could equally harm domestic pets.

Search ends for shipwrecked sailors

RABAT (AFP) — Moroccan and Spanish rescue workers suspended Sunday their search for three Spanish sailors whose cargo boat sank the previous day off Rabat, maritime officials in Casablanca said. The cargo boat Tamber River registered in Malta was heading from the Canary Islands toward Spain when it sank Saturday in high. winds. The sailors jumped overboard with their life jackets. The crew managed to launch a distress single before abandoning ship, maritime officials said. Four of the sailors, all Spanish and including a woman, were rescued Saturday while a fifth was found dead. Officials said the search for three missing sailors would resume on Monday although they said there was little hope of finding them alive as their life jackets had been found earlier.

U.N. to launch an appeal for aid to Yemen

SANAA (AFP) - The United Nations is to launch an urgent appeal for humanitarian aid to Yemen, U.N. officials said Monday. It will be the first U.N. appeal for aid in Yemen since the war here ended over a month ago. "Some 375,000 people have suffered from the combined effects of displacement, destruction of infrastructure, lack of food, proper sewerage and insufficient water," said U.N. spokesman Nejib Friji. The U.N. is to launch the appeal on Tuesday, asking the international community for \$22 million to cover emergency needs. It will emphasise its concern about the grave danger to life and livelihoods caused by land mines, especially in the southern provinces of Aden and Abyan, said Mr. Friji.

'Flight of German volunteers delayed

CAIRO (AP) — A chartered Russian airliner carrying German medical volunteers en route to help Rwandan refugees made an unscheduled landing in Cairo early Monday after suffering technical troubles. The plane landed about 1:30 a.m. and was still on the ground 10 hours later, said airport officials who declined to be identified. The 266 doctors, nurses and aides travelling to Goma, Zaire, spent the night in the airport's transit area. The nature of the aircraft's problems and when it would continue its journey were not immediately known. The medical mission is organised by the relief agency Care and backed by the German government. The volunteers who departed from the Cologne-Bonn airport Sunday are the first of 6,000 medical students and others who pledged two weeks each of their time to the refugees.

Kuwait to take delivery of U.S. tanks

KUWAIT (AP) — A military delegation is in the United States to take delivery of 218 M1A2 Abrams tanks the emirate bought under a \$1.8 billion deal with the U.S. General Dynamic Corp., defence ministry officials said Monday. They said the delegation headed by Brigader General Salem Massoud Al Srour, commander of the emirates's land forces, will take delivery of the armour at a ceremony at the army tank plant in Lima, Ohio, Thursday. The M1A2s, an improved version of the weapon that decimated iraq's Soviet-built armoured corps during the 1991 Gulf war, will reinforce Kuwait's current tank force of 150 Yugoslav-built M-84s, variants of the Russian T-72. General Dynamics wen the Kuwaiti order in October 1992 in the face of stiff competition from the British-built Challenger 2 tank after intense lobbying by then President George Bush.

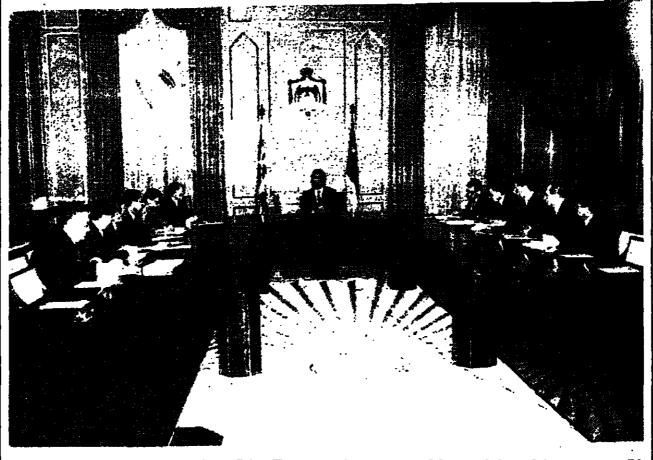
Two children killed in Iran explosion

TEHRAN (AFP) - Two children were killed and two others injured when an "unidentified object" exploded in a city in southwestern Iran, the official news agency IRNA reported. The victims, aged 11 and 12, were killed Sunday while playing with the object they had found in the city of Khoramshahr in Khuzestan province, it said. The authorities have launched an investigation to determine the type of the explosive. Hundreds of civilians have been killed or injured by shells and mines strewn across the border region of western Iran, remnants of the intense fighting in the 1980-1988 Iran-Íraq war.

Thai-Saudi theft probe to end this month

BANGKOK (AFP) — The Thai interior minister vowed Monday that an investigation into a 1989 Saudi jewelry theft which has soured relations with Riyadh would end in two weeks with the questioning of a last suspect. Chaowalit Yongchaioyudh told reporters that Thai investigators still needed to interrogate former police chief Sawat Amorniwat who lead the search and reovery of \$20 million in jewels stolen from a Saudi prince. Mr. Sawat is to turn himself in for questioning after Aug. 19, when he is due back from a trip abroad. The jewels, which were taken by a Thai labourer in Riyadh, were recovered in 1990 but only some of them were returned to the prince, and much of what was sent back was fake.

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RCRM MEETS: His Royal Highness Crown Prince Hassan on Monday chairs the first meeting of the newly-constituted Royal Commission for Reform and Modernisation (RCRM), which he formed Monday in implementation of His Majesty King Hussein's directives. Prince Hassan reviewed the

lites ahead of it. (A detailed report on the meeting will be published in Wednesday's issue of the Jordan Times) (Petra

Iran: Argentine file full of blunders

NICOSIA (Agencies) — Ir .n has said a report by an Argentine judge linking it to the July 18 bomb blast at a Jews centre in Buenos Aires was full of discrepancies and blunders.

The official Iranian news agency IRNA quoted a fore-ign ministry official as saying that the judge, instead of relying on facts, had based his case on the claims of an Iranian working as an agent of the Americans. The official also reiterated

previous Iranian statements that four Iranian officials allegedly linked to the blast were not in Argentina on the dates mentioned in the judge's report. He listed the dates of their arrivals and departures which showed they were not in Argentina on July 18.

Ties between Buenos Aires and Tehran are tense after the Judge, Juan Jose Galeano, acting on the testimony of Manouchehr Motamer - an Iranian whose credentials have been

NICOSIA (AP) - Iragi

President Saddam Hussein

has sacked planning minister

Samil Majid Faraj following

the publication of a report by

his ministry that inflation in

sanctions-crippled Iraq has

reached astronomical levels.

the Middle East Economic

Survey (MEES) reported

Monday.
The authoritative oil indus-

try newsletter, published in

Nicosia, gave no other de-

It was not clear why Mr. Faraj's ministry published a

report painting such a bleak

picture of Iraq's deteriorating

economy which could under-mine the credibility of the

But it underlined the reg-

ime's sensitivity to criticism

of its efforts to counter the

impact of the embargo and

the severe hardship it is caus-

ing Iraq's 18 million people.

that inflation had reached

24,000 per cent. That seems

an exaggerated figure, even

The ministry report said

government.

alled into question — issued i ternational arrest warrants last week for three Iranian diplomats and a member of parliament.

"The Foreign Ministry official said it was better for the federal judge to rely upon Argentine government re-cords ... instead of the claims of an anti-revolutionary fugitive and a CIA (Central Intelligence Agency) mercen-ary," IRNA said. "He said the date of depar-

ture of the four accused Iranians have been stamped on their passports by Buenos Aires airport officials, and it is hoped that the judge would avoid causing further embar-rassment by his naivety to the judicial and executive officials of Argentina." Motamer has been various-

ly described as a former diplomat, a disaffected exsecretary to an Iranian religious minister, a businessman and a double or triple agent. Iran, which denies any links to the blast, says he is

former shopkeeper "whose

No one has accurate fi-

gures. But at the start of the

year, inflation was estimated

to have reached 6,000 per

relieved of his post last week

and appointed a minister of

state without portfolio, effec-

tively sidelining him.

He was appointed planning

minister in March 1991 in the

first of a series of cabinet

carried out after the Gulf war

that ended the previous

month. There were six alone

in 1991 between March and

The last major reshuffle

was May 29, when President

Saddam dismissed Prime

Minister Ahmad Hussein

Khudayyir — the third per-son to hold the post since the

1990 Kuwait crisis - and

named himself premier of a

President Saddam had held

the premiership from 1979

until relinquishing it in 1991.

26-member cabinet.

November.

reshuffles President Saddam

MEES said Mr. Faraj was

cent since August 1990.

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Iraqi planning minister said sidelined

Argentina said Sunday it wants President Clinton and Latin American leaders to discuss security at a hemispheric summit. "An invitation was sent to

resort to many false identities

(and) to profuse scandalous

claims has been established."

Menem last week threatened

to kick out Iran's envoy to

Argentina, and Foreign Minister Guido di Tella said

Buenos Aires might demand that Tehran hand over the

four officials.

Argentine President Carlos

the hemispheric summit to take this (attack) into consideration," Vice Foreign Minister Fernando Petrella said, referring to the July 18 blast. Mr. Clinton is to host the summit in Miami in December.

Mr. Petrella also said Mr. Di Tella called his colleagues in neighbouring nations Friday to discuss a warning Argentina received from

more attacks. President Menem's gov-

Reclaiming the pre-

miership was widely seen by

Western analysts as an

attempt by the Iraqi presi-

dent to prevent the worsen-

ing economic crisis caused by

the U.N. trade sanctions, im-

posed after Iraq invaded

Kuwait in August 1990, from

undermining his authority.
On May 25, President Saddam dismissed Agriculture
Minister Bashir Alwan Ham-

madi for failing to check the

skyrocketing price of food.

The government's inability to contain the worsening food

supply situation, despite ex-

ecuting merchants accused of

hoarding or price-gouging

and moneychangers blamed for the Iraqi dinar's collapse,

is apparently due to the fact

that Baghdad's coffers are

depleting rapidly.
In recent months, Baghdad

has taken increasingly draco-nian steps to curb Iraq's run-

away inflation and to contain

a nationwide crime wave

spawned by Iraqis' plight. Last June, President Sad-

ernment has said it has been warned that new blasts could take place in Argentina and in neighbouring countries.

The security issue may also be raised at a Latin American summit to be held next month in Pio dg Jangiro, Mr. Retrenla scid. 'Despkte Mp. Melem's callq

to b'go mn liting lormanly,"% not all "was 'usingss aq usual in Argentina after the warnings, which were made by Israel and confirmed by intelligence agencies from other countries.

Security was tightened throughout Argentina. In Buenos Aires, hospitals were on red alert and police with sniffer dogs stood guard outside synagognes and armoured police trucks were parked outside Jewish schools.

The Argentine hockey association Saturday called off a women's match after a team refused to play at a Jewish club for security reasons, the daily Clarin re-

dam signed decrees ordering

authorities to cut off the

hands of thieves. Recidivists

would also have a leg ampu-

tated. People using guns dur-

ing a robbery were to be shot

The regime has also im-

posed massive exit taxes on

Iragis to prevent them leav-

ing the country.

Baghdad's Al Thawra daily

reported several days ago

that the ruling Revolutionary

Command Council has ban-

ned the transfer of ownership

of real estate by Iraqis who

have been abroad for more

confiscation of property -

appeared to be an attempt to

penalise those who have fled

The ruling said absentee

Iragis also are forbidden to

collect rent on their property

in Iraq, which now will be paid into a special fund con-

trolled by the finance

That move - in effect,

by firing squad.

than two years.

since 1990.

ly from the south, were mainly soldiers and policemen

clares by Mr. Beidh.

The amnesty excluded 16 scessionist leaders topped by Mr. Beidh. One of these, former Oil Minister Saleh Abu Bakr Ben Hussainoun. was killed in action in the

Those on the wanted list, including Mr. Beidh, can also return home to stand trial, Mr. Saleh has repeatedly

The list included top YSP officials like former Yemeni Prime Minister Haider Abu Bakr Al Attas, former Defence Minister Haitham Qassem Taher, both from the YSP. It also includes the former vice-president of the breakway state, Abdul Rahman Al Jifri of the Sons of Yemen League Party.

One source said state pro-secutors would start prepar-

Yemen amnesty expires

SANAA (R) - An ammesty for supporters of a self-declared southern Yemeni state crushed six weeks ago expired on Monday after encouraging about 9,000 fugitives to return from abroad,

exiles came back to Yemen on Sunday, an official in the Yemeni capital said. One group of 150 people came from the Yemeni-Omani border area and another of 116 from Diibouti.

were still a few exiles on Yemen's border with Saudi Arabia and Oman and across the Red Sea in Djibouti the main areas where supporters of the abortive southern secession bid fled after Sanaa government forces won the two-month civil war on July

crations.

amnesty "applies even to those who committed acts

siles fired by southern forces, two of which hit residential areas and killed and wounded more than 150 people. Political sources said there

was a possibility that Mr. Saleh might decide to extend the deadline at the last moment in the hope of persuading the remaining exiles to return, but there was no official confirmation of this.

who fled to neighbouring countries after Mr. Saleh's forces captured Aden, capital of the secessionist state de-

final days of the war. The fate of another, Saleh

Aden.

ing files on the charges to be levelled against the separatist leaders and they would be tried in absentia if they did not return home.

officials in Sanaa said. The last of the returning

Another source said there

War broke out on May 4 between forces loyal to President Ali Abdullah Saleh and Ali Salem Al Beidh, his southern rival and former vice-president in a united Yemen formed in 1990.

Shortly after fighting began, Mr. Saleh declared a general amnesty for all those who supported Mr. Beidh and took part in military op-One official source said the

constituting war crimes, such as the firing of Scud missiles against civilian targets during the war, if they return before the expiry of the deadline." Sanaa was the target of at least 25 attacks by Scud mis-

The exiled Yemenis, most-

Yemen Socialist Party (YSP), fled to Oman.

Monassar Al Seyali, the former governor of Aden, was not known although some reports have suggested that he was killed after the fall of

said.

Carlos the jackal eluded arrest for two decades

NICOSIA, Cyprus (AP) — At the height of his notonety, Carlos the jackal was a flamboyant gun-for-hire and revolutionary with a taste for the good life.

Carlos, whose real name is Ilich ramirez Sanchez, began his career in 1970, when he joined the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine (PFLP). Since then, he was in-

volved in some of the most spectacular attacks around the world, including the 1972 killing of 11 Israeli athletes at the Munich Olympics, the 1974 takeover of the French embassy in the Hague and the 1976 hijacking of an Air France jetliner to Entebbe,

Born Oct. 12, 1949, Carlos is the son of a wealthy communist Venezuelan lawyer, Jose Allagracia Sanchez, who gave each of his three sons one name of Russian revolutionary leader Vladimir Ryich

In 1964 he joined the communist students' movement

in the streets of Caracas. From there he went on to guerrilla training in Cuba. In 1968, the Venezuelan

communist party sponsored his attendance at Lumumba University in Moscow, where many Third World nationals were selected by the KGB spy agency for training as Soviet agents or as political activists in their homelands. While there, Carlos came

in contact with the PFLP and went to Jordan to train at its He has said in interviews

that the front assigned him to its "foreign operations" branch in 1971 and he took part in the fighting against the Jordanian army when it cracked down on the guer-Carlos also was linked with

Germany's Baader-Meinhof Gang, the Turkish Popular Liberation Front, the Japanese Red Army, the **Basque Separatist Movement** in Spain and various other Palestinian organisations. He told the Al Watan Al

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Arabi magazine in 1976 that he shot and wounded British millionaire Edward Sieff, a prominent Jew whose family owns Spencers, in London in

Carlos was sentenced in absentia by France in 1992 to life in prison for the killing of two French intelligence agents. The agents were killed in 1975 while they were investigating attacks on planes of Israel's El Al airlines at Paris Orly airport.

He also was held responsible for the December 1975 attack on OPEC headquarters in Vienna, in which three people were killed and 11 taken hostage. The carter's oil ministers were taken in a hijacked plane to North Korea in a \$1 billion ransom

One hostage was Ahmad Zaki Yamani, then Saudi Arabia's oil minister, who later called Carlos a "ruthless terrorist who operates with cold-blooded, surgical preci-

By 1981, Carlos reportedly

was organising covert operations for the Syrian government aimed at overthrowing the Iraqi government. Some reports said he was the leader of a Libyan hit squad sent to kill President Reagan in 1981.

In March 1982, Carlos threatened to strike against the French government unless it freed two of his suspected agents. Bruno Breguet, a Swiss, and Magdalena Kopp, a Wet German, who were arrested the previous month in Paris.

The threat was contained in a letter bearing his finger-prints, verified by French police. It was the first proof in six years that he was alive. Later that month, a bomb exploded the Paris-Toulouse express, killing six people and wounding 15. The French blamed Carlos.

In April 1982, a bomb exploded in a rush-hour crowd just off the Champs Elysees, killing a pregnant woman and wounding 63 other people. On New Years' Eve, 1983,

bombs exploded in Marseilles' main railroad terminal and on the Paris-Marseilles express, killing five people and wounding 50.

Kopp and Breguet were released in May 1985. Kopp

flew to Damascus to join her lover Carlos, and the two later were married,

Carlos sought refuge in Syria in 1985. Since then, as far as was known, he had lived quietly in Damascus with his wife and their daughter, Rosa.

In 1990, Hungarian state television showed 10-year-old film of intelligence agents trying to coax Carlos into leaving Hungary. It became clear that former communist leaders had permitted Carlos to use Hungary and East Germany as a base for his attacks and supported his operations.

The Syrians, seeking to improve their image with the Americans following the collapse of the Soviet Union, reportedly had tried to kick Carlos out.

Bhutto intervenes to save Siamese twins

KARACHI, Pakistan (AP)

Prime Minister Benazir

Bhutto has intervened to try

to save 21-month-old

Siamese twin girls, who are joined at the head. Since their birth in October 1992, Nida and Hira have been laying in a hospital bed here because their family is too poor to afford the \$150,000 it would cost to separate them. Their father, Anwer Jamai. earns \$70 a month working for a courier service. Several weeks ago Ms. Bhutto read a newspaper story about the twins and offered to pay for the surgery, which is ex-pected to take place in the next few months in the United States or Britain, said Dr. Iqtidar Hamid Bhatti, a leading neurosurgeons. But Dr. Bhatti said the twins share both the skull and brain. "One of them is most likely to die on the operating table, while the other has only a poor chance at survivhe told the Associated Press. Mr. Jamai wants to go ahead with the operation. The twins were among tri-plets and their sister is healthy. The Siamese twins are lively and quick to smile unless they want to be moved or played with, the nurses say. Then they howl. "I have faith. in God that both my daughters will survive the surgery," said Mr. Jamal. "And if that is not possible then I will leave it to the doctor to decide which one will live." But some at the National Institute of Child Health, where the twins are being treated, oppose spending the money on an operation that has only a slim chance at success. Thousans of children die every year in this country because of lack of proper hospital facilities and medicine," Dr. Zeenat Isani, head of the institute, told the Associated Press. "It is much better to invest the money in the hospital which could help save nundreds of lives.

Baby snatcher pretended to give birth - police

LILLE, France (R) French police recovered a baby boy they say had been snatched from a maternity hospital by a woman who tried to pass him off as her own after pretending she had given birth. Police said Nadege Breviere, 37, had planned meticulously to make her neighbours believe she was about to give birth, pretending her belly was swelling, printing birth notices and preparing the baby's room. Medical tests on Breviere, who has a 15-year-old daughter, showed she had not been pregnant, police said. Her husband Max, 45, told police he had been taken in as his wife refused to allow him to see her unclothed. The investigating judge was not convinced and remanded the couple in custody, formally placing them under investigation on suspicion of kidnapping. Breviere was taken to hospital under police surveillance after collapsing during questioning, she is to undergo psychiatric tests. Police said week-old Brandon Podevin was taken while his mother was smoking a cigarette in a corridor and smuggled out of the hospital in the northern town of Valenciennes in a bag. they alleged Breviere then drove home to the nearby village of Mortagne-Du-Nord in an ambulance, pretending she was returning from giving birth to the boy whom she renamed Arthur.

iranians get top awards at Locarno .film festival

LOCARNO, Switzerland
(AFP) — Two Iranian films
Ibrahim Foruzesh's Khomreh
and Kyannsh Ayyari's Abadani-Ha, were awarded the top prizes at the Locardo
Film Festival which closed here Sunday. Khomreh residence with the Golden Leopard and Abadani-Ha the Silver Leopard. The third prize, the Bronze Leopard, went to the film Rosine by Christine Canada actresses Bernadette Laffinia and Bulle Ogier were awarded the special Bronze Leopard for their role in Marian awarded the special Bronze Leopard for their role in Marian Chinese film make the popular that any country in the change is the country of the coun

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